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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. Jonathan Clement, H. F. Leavitt, Aldace Walker, Harvey D. Kitchel, M. H. Buckham, William H. Lord, Charles S. Smith, Alfred Stevens, Joseph Chandler, Joseph Torrey, Julius Converse, Franklin Fairbanks, John A. Page, L. L. Dutcher, James W. Hickok, and their associates, who shall be the members of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, and which members shall continue such associates for one year from the time of the adjournment of the Convention of which they are members, and till others become members in their stead, are hereby constituted a corporation and body politic by the name of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont; and by that name may sue and be sued; may have a common seal; and shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges of a corporation, for the purpose of receiving, taking care of and managing all funds, property and money which has heretofore, or may hereafter, come to the care, control, management, custody, or ownership of said Convention, or any trustee, officer, or person for said Convention, by whatever form or mode said funds, property, or money may have been, or may hereafter be conveyed, given, transferred, bequeathed or devised to such Convention, or to the denomination of Christians called and known by the name of Congregationalists, or any branch thereof.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called by two or more of the persons named in the first section of this act, and which meeting shall be at the time and place of the next General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, a notice of which meeting shall be published at least three successive weeks in the *Vermont Chronicle*, published at Windsor, Vermont.

SEC. 3. At said meeting and all other annual meetings of said corporation shall be chosen a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five trustees, who shall hold their respective offices one year, and till others are chosen or appointed.

SEC 4. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall respectively perform the offices usually performed by such officers,

and such as may be imposed upon them by the by-laws. The Secretary also shall call all meetings under the direction of the trustees, and also when at least three members shall, in writing, request a special meeting to be called. All meetings of the corporation shall be called and notified by publishing the same in one or more newspapers in the State, one of which shall be the *Vermont Chronicle*, unless otherwise ordered by the by-laws of the corporation, or by the Trustees. The treasurer, except where otherwise ordered by the corporation, shall receive all moneys, funds, property and assets of every description belonging to, entrusted, or in any way committed to the care or custody of the corporation, and be responsible for the same, and shall disburse, pay over and deliver, as shall from time to time be ordered by the trustees or a majority of them; he shall at least once a year make a full and true statement and report of the financial condition of the corporation, therein designating the kind or class of funds, and for what purpose donated, bequeathed or held; he shall also exhibit all books, vouchers and papers to said trustees whenever requested by them, and shall furnish statements and copies whenever requested by them upon reasonable notice; he shall, if requested by the trustees, give bonds with sufficient sureties to the acceptance of the trustees, for the faithful discharge of his duties as treasurer. Whenever a vacancy shall happen in the office of treasurer, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment of the trustees, till the next annual meeting of the corporation, or till appointed by vote of the corporation. The trustees shall have the general oversight of the interests and prudential affairs of the corporation; shall see that all funds, moneys, and other property are faithfully preserved, taken care of, and administered as shall be most for the interest of the corporation, and in accordance with the wishes of testators and donors; they shall perform all acts and discharge all duties not assigned to any other officer by the articles of association, or by the by-laws made in pursuance thereof. If any vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment by the surviving trustees till an election by the corporation.

SEC. 5. At any annual meeting of the corporation, by-laws may be established or altered, not inconsistent with this charter or the laws of this State.

SEC. 6. This act shall be under the control of any future legislature, and shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, November 21, 1872.

Adopted by the Convention, June 18, 1873.

CONSTITUTION.

OBJECT.

ART. I. The object of the Convention is to promote the harmony, fellowship and efficiency of the churches, and their co-operation in Christian work.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD.

ART. 2. The Convention receives as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity as they are for substance stated in the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865; these doctrines are understood by us to be those which from the beginning have been received by the Congregational Churches of New England.

COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION.

ART. 3. Every association of ministers in the State receiving these doctrines is entitled to two delegates in the Convention; each association having eight ordained resident ministers, three delegates; and for every four additional members, an additional delegate. Every County Conference of Churches receiving the same faith is entitled to three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The minister of the parish where the meeting is held, appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, members of boards appointed by the Convention, officers of benevolent societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, and the person acting for the time as Editor of the Vermont Chronicle so long as the Chronicle maintains its present relations to this body, shall be members.

OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The officers of the Convention as prescribed by the act of incorporation are a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually, and to hold their respective offices from the final adjournment of the meeting at which they are chosen to the close of the next annual meeting. There shall also be appointed at each annual meeting, two or more boards of five each, to have the care of funds or any valuable interests entrusted to the Convention for the ensuing year, a Scribe, Assistant Scribe, and an Auditor of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the several boards having the management of funds, to serve at and during the meeting at

which they are appointed; and once in five years, commencing with 1875, there shall also be appointed a Corresponding Secretary for the Convention, and Reporters of Statistics, and Receivers of Assessments for the several Conferences of Churches.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, at the proper time, to furnish the Reporters with a copy of the schedule prepared for collecting statistics under the direction of the Convention; to arrange the statistical parts of the reports when returned, for publication; and, from the facts reported, to present to the Convention during its session a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year.

DUTIES OF REPORTERS.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Reporters, each for his own Conference, to make report for the year ending January first, agreeably to the blank schedule furnished them. These reports shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meeting of the Convention. In case of the absence of any Reporter, the duty of reporting shall devolve on the Register of the Conference.

TIME OF MEETING.

ART. 7. The Convention shall meet annually on the second Tuesday of June, at 2 o'clock P. M.

VACANCIES.

ART. 8. If at any time, or from any cause, the office of Secretary, or of Corresponding Secretary of the Convention shall become vacant, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall immediately, by notification of each member in writing, convene the Board at a specified time and place, and, when so met, said Board shall by a majority vote appoint some person to fill the vacancy till the next annual meeting of the Convention or until a new election is made; and any person so appointed shall be a legal officer of the Convention.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 9. These articles shall not be altered accept at an annual meeting and by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

Adopted June 17, 1874.

RULES OF BUSINESS AND ORDER.

1. To facilitate the preparing of the roll, members of the Convention are required to hand their certificates of membership to the Secretary, or to the Minister of the parish, as soon as practicable after reaching the place of meeting. No person shall be enrolled without credentials, unless by vote of the Convention.

2. The annual meeting of the Convention shall be opened with a business session. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall take the chair, lead in prayer, call for the reading of the roll, and for the election of a Scribe and Assistant Scribe, when the docket of business prepared by the Secretary shall be read. In the absence of both President and Vice President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and after reading the roll, shall call for the election of a President *pro tempore*, who shall be chosen by ballot, and shall preside till the President or Vice President shall arrive, or till the close of the session.

3. The stated public exercises after the opening of the business session shall be as follows:

Tuesday Evening—Convention Sermon.

Wednesday Morning—Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

Wednesday Afternoon—Report of the Corresponding Secretary, to be followed by an essay.

Wednesday Evening—Anniversary of the Vermont Education Society, and addresses by representatives of such of our co-operative benevolent societies as the Convention by special vote may admit.

Thursday Morning—Discussion, introduced by the brethren appointed, those opening the discussion being limited to twenty minutes each, and those following to ten minutes each.

Thursday Afternoon—Conclusion of business and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

4. The committees to be appointed at each meeting are as follows: A Business Committee, through which all business not

provided for in the Docket shall be brought before the Convention. A Nominating Committee, to nominate the officers provided for in the Act of Incorporation and in the Constitution, and the delegates to corresponding bodies. A Finance Committee, to make assessments on the Conferences. A Committee on Devotional Exercises, of which the Minister of the parish shall be the chairman. A Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to recommend the place for such meeting, nominate the preacher and substitute, select topics for the discussion and essay, and nominate persons to open the discussion and prepare the essay, with substitutes for each. These and all other committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise order, are to be nominated by the presiding officer in connection with the Secretary.

5. The meetings of the Convention each morning shall be opened with prayer, when the Scribe shall call the roll of members and read the minutes of the preceding day.

6. The President shall preserve order and decorum in the body, and when he takes part in any discussion, shall leave the chair, and address the Secretary.

7. No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, except by unanimous consent and after every other member who desires shall have spoken ; and then the mover in the matter pending shall be permitted to speak in reply.

8. Every motion, except for adjournment, shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any two members desire it. No motion shall be acted on till seconded.

9. If any member in debating or otherwise shall transgress the rules of order or of propriety, the President shall, by his own authority, or at the request of any member, call him to order ; and if a question shall arise concerning his being in order, it shall be decided without debate by an appeal to the body.

10. When two or more persons rise to speak at once, the President shall name the one who is first to speak.

11. No motion committed to writing shall be finally decided upon until it shall have had three several readings. if any member calls for it.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a stated time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged. On a motion for ad-

journment, for laying on the table, for indefinite postponement, or for the previous question, there shall be no debate.

13. If the report of a committee contains only matters of fact for information, or of argument for the consideration of the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted?* and that question, unless superseded by a motion to reject, to recommit, to postpone, or to lay on the table, shall be taken *without debate.* Such report, if accepted, is placed upon the files of the Convention, not entered upon the Minutes.

14. If a report is in, or terminates with the form of a vote, resolution, or declaration, expressing the judgment or testimony of the Convention, the question shall then be taken on the *adoption* of the report. If adopted, the vote, resolution, or declaration is entered upon the Minutes.

15. On the report of a Treasurer of a Board of Trustees or Directors, or of a Committee or other agent empowered to act for the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted and approved?* which question may be divided if a division is called for.

16. The merits of any subject whose proper reference is to the Business Committee shall not be discussed in Convention until it has been referred to that Committee for consideration and report.

17. Members who may find it necessary to leave before the close of the meeting are expected to give notice of the fact to the President.

18. If it becomes necessary to change the place of the annual meeting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in consultation with the President and Vice President, to select a place.

These By-laws and Rules shall not be subject to alteration except by the consent of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

TIME OF MEETING.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD AND MEMBERSHIP.

The Convention meets on the second Tuesday of June, annually. Its doctrinal standard is the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865. It is constituted as follows :

Every Association in the State holding this faith may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every additional four members. Every County Conference of like faith may send three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The Permanent Officers of the Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the Parish where the Convention is held, Appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, Members of Boards appointed by the Convention, Officers of Benevolent Societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, and the Editor of the *Vermont Chronicle*, are Members *ex officiis*. The Officers of the Convention are chosen annually except the Corresponding Secretary, who is elected for five years, the next election being in 1880. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of this Convention.

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES,

AND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

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DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference — Rev. AUSTIN HAZEN. Substitute, Rev. C. P. WATSON.

To the Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. S. P. WILDER. Substitute, Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

To the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. S. L. Bates. Substitute, Rev. W. W. WINCHESTER.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Place — Burlington.

Preacher — Rev. E. T. Fairbanks. Substitute, Rev. J. G. Johnson.

Essay—The Prominence Due at Present to the Ethical Element in Preaching. Primary, Prof. E. H. Higley. Substitute, Rev. V. M. Hardy.

Discussion — Is the Existence of a Religious Society for the Administration of the Secular affairs of the Church Desirable? Affirmative, Rev. W. P. Bennett, Rev. Leonard Tenney. Negative, Rev. C. C. Torrey, Rev. S. I. Briant.

Committee on the Vermont Chronicle — Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. J. G. Johnson.

Committee on Resolution in regard to Doctrinal Belief and the Pastorate—Rev. J. G. Johnson, Rev. R. T. Hall, Rev. J. G. Hale.

Committee on Resolutions relating to the Permanency of the Pastorate—Rev. S. I. Briant, Rev. S. L. Bates, Rev. W. S. Hazen.

Committee on Resolutions on Divorce—Rev. L. O. Brastow, Rev. L. H. Elliot, Rev. W. T. Herrick.

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Secretary—Rev. A. B. SWIFT, Enosburgh.

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MINUTES.

The GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the Congregational Church of Rutland, June 11, 1878.

At two o'clock P. M. the Convention was called to order by the President, D. M. CAMP, Esq., who offered prayer.

The Secretary, Rev. C. H. MERRILL, then read the roll of delegates who had presented their credentials, the names of members *ex officiis*, and the docket of business.

The following delegates presented their credentials and were enrolled as members:

Addison Association — Rev. C. B. HULBERT, D. D., Rev. S. W. MAGILL, D. D., Rev. W. W. WINCHESTER.

Bennington Association — Rev. JAMES ANDERSON, Rev. ISAAC JENNINGS, Rev. A. B. LAMBERT, D. D.

Caledonia Association — Rev. WILLIAM P. BENNETT, Rev. R. S. CROSS, Rev. H. T. FULLER, Rev. M. H. WELLS.

Lamoille Association — Rev. J. A. BATES, Rev. J. G. HALE.

Montpelier Association — Rev. J. H. HINCKS, Rev. C. M. WINCH.

North-Western Association — Rev. R. HICKS.

Orange Association — Rev. S. L. BATES, Rev. HENRY CUMMINGS, Rev. L. H. ELLIOT.

Orleans Association — Rev. G. S. BUTLER, Rev. W. T. HERRICK, Rev. F. B. PHELPS.

Royalton Association — Rev. E. B. CHAMBERLAIN, Rev. THOS. S. HUBBARD, Rev. G. W. OSGOOD, Rev. G. B. TOLMAN.

Rutland Association — Rev. E. S. HUNTRESS, Rev. L. D. MEARS, Rev. G. H. MORSS, Rev. J. H. THYNG.

White River Association — Rev. S. I. BRIANT, Rev. ALLEN HAZEN, D. D.

Windham Association — Rev. P. F. BARNARD, Rev. C. BURNHAM, Rev. N. F. CARTER, Rev. D. N. GOODRICH.

Winooski Association — Rev. JOHN COWAN, Rev. AUSTIN HAZEN, Rev. L. O. BRASTOW, Rev. J. K. CONVERSE.

Addison Conference — Rev. M. L. SEVERANCE, Bro. M. B. WILLIAMSON, Dea. SAMUEL JAMES.

Bennington Conference — Rev. J. D. WICKHAM, D. D., Dea. S. G. CONE, Bro. F. C. WHITE.

Caledonia Conference — Rev. N. F. COBLEIGH, Bro. I. L. MC CLARY.

Chittenden Conference — Bro. E. H. LANE.

Essex Conference — Bro. JOHN A. APPLETON.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference — Rev. C. W. CLARK.

Lamoille Conference—Bro. IRA LEBARON, Bro. E. B. MERRIAM.

Orange Conference — Rev. W. A. BUSHEE, Dea. PHINEAS WALKER, Dea. WM. S. GRAVES.

Rutland Conference — Rev. JOHN C. HOUGHTON, Dea. JONATHAN WARNER, Dea. DYER LEFFINGWELL.

Washington Conference — Rev. WM. SCHOFIELD, Dea. JOSEPH POLAND, Bro. S. P. JOSLIN.

Windham Conference — Rev. A. HOLBROOK, Dea. C. W. HASTINGS.

Windsor Conference — Rev. A. S. CHASE, Dea. H. O. GIBBS, Bro. M. H. GODDARD.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIIS.

President — D. M. Camp, Esq.

Vice President — Rev. G. B. Safford, D. D.

Secretary — Rev. C. H. Merrill.

Corresponding Secretary — Rev. P. S. Pratt.

Treasurer — J. C. Emery, Esq.

Preacher — Rev. G. L. Walker, D. D.

Minister of the Parish — Rev. J. G. Johnson.

Trustees of Convention — Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., Rev. Aldace Walker, D. D.

President of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society — Hon. Franklin Fairbanks.

Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society — Rev. C. S. Smith.

Directors of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society — Rev. S. W. Dike, Rev. A. W. Wild, Rev. W. S. Hazen.

President of the Vermont Education Society — M. H. Buckham, D. D.

Secretary of the Vermont Education Society — Rev. A. B. Swift.

Treasurer of the Vermont Education Society—Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Delegate to the Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting — Rev. J. H. Babbitt.

Fairbanks Board of Education — Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Rev. C. W. Thompson.

Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers — J. G. Stimson, Esq., Rev. E. P. Hooker.

Appointees of last meeting — Rev. E. G. Read, Rev. E. J. Ranslow, Rev. C. W. Van Norden.

The Convention elected Rev. L. C. Partridge, *Scribe*, Rev. L. H. Elliot, *Assistant Scribe*, and Dea. J. M. Haven, *Auditor of Accounts*.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows, at 9 A. M., 2 P. M., and 7:30 P. M.; hours of adjournment 12 M. and 5. P. M.

The President nominated the following committees, which were elected:

Business Committee — Rev. R. T. Hall, Rev. J. G. Hale, Rev. C. Burnham.

Nominating Committee — Rev. J. H. Babbitt, Rev. L. D. Mears, Rev. D. N. Goodrich.

Finance Committee — Dea. C. F. Thompson, Bro. E. H. Lane, Dea. Jonathan Warner.

Devotional Exercises — Rev. J. G. Johnson, Rev. G. S. Butler, Rev. Austin Hazen.

The Committee on "Resolutions on Terminating Church Membership," reported through their Chairman, Rev. C. S. Smith. The report was adopted.

To the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont:

Your Committee, to whom was referred, at the annual meeting last year, some resolutions on "Terminating Church Membership," with instructions to report on the same at the meeting to be held in Rutland, 1878, would respectfully report that they have carefully considered the matter submitted to them, and have unanimously agreed upon the following form of statement on the subject involved, and recommend its adoption by this Convention.

When an individual unites with a church he publicly takes upon himself a twofold covenant;—

First with *God*, in which he promises to love Him supremely and to live in obedience to His commands:

Second with the local *church*, in which he and the several members mutually agree to walk together in the common faith as fellow heirs of the grace of God, helping each other to fulfil their high calling and serve their generation according to the will of God.

The first covenant, between God and the individual, is the basis of the second, but the church is not a party to it except as a witness; and, being herself under like vows, is interested to secure its fulfilment by every member. She has, however, no power to terminate it or absolve any individual from its claims.

The second covenant, between the local church and the individual, is for the present life, and may be terminated:—1st by *death*, God in his providence thus releasing the church and the individual from further responsibility to each other; 2dly by mutual agreement between the church and the individual, in order to a transfer of covenant obligations, and consequently of membership, to some other local church. In this transaction the covenant is honored and perpetuated, but one of the parties is changed: and 3dly, when a member knowingly and persistently violates or refuses to fulfil his covenant obligations; it then becomes the duty of the church to labor with promptness and efficiency, as well as with love, patience and fidelity, to persuade him to return to the path of duty. But if without success, and in their judgment the honor of Christ, the purity of the church, or the good of the offender requires it, they are authorized, in the name of Christ, to proceed — not to absolve him from his vows, but to exclude him from all participation in the rights and privileges of membership and withhold from him their fellowship as a disciple.

The church has authority thus to separate a member from its fellowship only for serious violation of, or continued refusal to comply with his covenant obligations. And, when he can be reached, such action should be preceded by earnest, prayerful efforts, according to the word of God, to lead him in the way of obedience.

Moreover, it should always be borne in mind that it is not the province of the church to follow its disfellowshiped members with its ban and curse, but with its prayers; and, as opportunity offers, seek to win them back to the path of duty, for the vows of God are still upon them.

A careful attention to the following points, on the part of our churches, it is believed would render the calls for extreme discipline very rare, and would remove nearly all of those exceptional and perplexing cases which a past neglect of Christian watchfulness has rendered too common.

1st. Every church should use great caution in admitting new converts to membership before a reasonable time has been given them to learn their own hearts, and give to others credible evidence of their being in fellowship with Christ.

2dly. The churches should spare no pains to instruct, watch over, enlist in Christian duty and help forward in the divine life those who have newly entered upon a Christian course.

3dly. The spirit of Christian love and watchfulness should be so cultivated as to be felt to be an ever-present and living force in the church, embracing all, stimulating all to fidelity, and reaching forth promptly but tenderly to save the erring in the very first steps of his going astray.

4thly. Our churches should keep such careful watch over their members as to know when one removes from them, and follow him with their Christian solicitude, securing — unless for good reasons to the contrary — the speedy transfer of his membership to some church near him. So long as his membership is unchanged he should be corresponded with, and a yearly report from him required as a condition of good standing.

C. S. SMITH,
R. T. HALL,
C. W. THOMPSON, } *Committee.*

The Business Committee recommended the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we approve of the proposal that the National Council issue its Minutes, and, annually, the statistics of the Congregational churches and ministers in its connection; send a copy to each Congregational church in the United States, and invite its constituent State Bodies to furnish the means to meet its expenses.

Resolved, 2. That the Treasurer of this body be hereby authorized to pay the Treasurer of the National Council such proportion of the amount needed for said expenses as falls to us.

On motion, the action of the Convention in regard to the report of the Committee on "Resolutions on Terminating Church Membership" was reconsidered, and very extensively discussed by the Convention, and then recommitted to the Committee, which was increased by the addition of Revs. Geo. L. Walker, D. D., E. P. Hooker and J. A. Bates.

On recommendation of the Business Committee, Article 3d of the Constitution was amended by inserting after the words "meetings of the Convention" *and the person acting for the time as Editor of the Vermont Chronicle, so long as the Chronicle maintains its present relations to this body.*

The Convention adjourned till 7½ P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. Geo. L. Walker, D. D., preached the Convention Sermon from Math. 13 : 52. Rev. Alfred Stevens, D. D., assisted in the devotional exercises.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

A prayer meeting, held at 6 A. M., was conducted by Rev. Wm. S. Hazen, and a devotional meeting, led by Rev. C. W. Clark, was held at 8:30 A. M.

At 9 A. M. the Convention met for business, the President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. B. Safford, D. D.

The roll was called, and the records of the previous day read and approved.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to Rev. Geo. L. Walker, D. D., for his able and timely sermon, and that a copy be requested for publication in the Minutes.

The following Committee of Arrangements for next meeting, nominated by the President, were elected : Rev. G. B. Safford, D. D., Rev. S. L. Bates, Rev. H. T. Fuller.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, By the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, that we hail with thanksgiving the Temperance Reformation which blessed our State, and rejoice that Christian Workers have done so much to promote it, and hope that it will receive the hearty support and active sympathy of Pastors and Churches.

The Convention adjourned for the annual meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

At the close of the meeting of the Domestic Missionary Society the Convention met for business.

On motion of Rev. J. G. Johnson the following persons were received as Honorary Members of this Convention : Rev. R. B. Howard, New York editor of the *Advance*, Rev. Geo. N. Board-

man, D. D., Chicago Theological Seminary, Rev. J. P. Kimball, Register of Mass. General Association, and Secretary of the Tract Society for New England, and Rev. E. K. Alden, D. D., Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Opened with prayer by Rev. E. S. Huntress.

A second resolution in regard to Temperance was presented and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That in order to carry out the apostolic injunction "that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way," we recommend to the churches the careful avoidance in the communion service of impure or intoxicating wine.

The Committee on Finance made the following report of assessments, which was adopted:

ASSESSMENTS.

Addison Conference	$45 50
Bennington Conference	27 75
Caledonia Conference	56 25
Chittenden Conference,	38 25
Essex and Coos Conference	4 75
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	30 00
Lamoille Conference	13 25
Orange Conference	55 25
Orleans Conference	34 75
Rutland Conference	55 25
Washington Conference	30 00
Windham Conference	43 25
Windsor Conference	52 75
	$487 00

C. F. THOMPSON,
E. H. LANE,
JONATHAN WARNER,
} *Committee.*

The Fairbanks Board of Education presented the following report, which was accepted and approved:

FAIRBANKS EDUCATION BOARD.

The Treasurer charges himself with

Amount on hand June 1, 1877	$203 05	
Interest on investments	713 95	
		$917 00

And credits himself with

Paid orders of students aided	$508 40	
Paid sundry expenses	1 60	
Balance on hand May 31, 1878	407 00	
		$917 00

Seven students have been aided regularly during a part or the whole of the year, and one other has received special grants. One of these, G. P. Foster of Stowe, died last August; others are now aided by the American Education Society, and only three remain upon our list. Are there not young men known to the pastors, who should be encouraged to study for the gospel ministry?

EDWARD T. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman.*
HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

On recommendation of the Business Committee the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to have the statistics of each County printed in season for use of the County Conferences.

Rev. J. H. Babbitt, delegate to the Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, reported his attendance upon the session of said meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. P. S. Pratt, made his report. After singing, and remarks by Rev. S. P. Wilder and Rev. G. B. Safford, D. D., it was voted that the report be accepted and published in the Minutes.

At the recommendation of the Committee on the CHRONICLE, Dea. J. Poland, one of the publishers of that paper, and Rev. A. D. Barber, editor, made statements in regard to its publication.

Voted, That the subject of the CHRONICLE be made the first business of the session Thursday morning.

At four o'clock P. M., in accordance with the recommendation of the Business Committee, the Convention adjourned that it might accept an invitation from Col. Redfield Proctor to visit the marble quarries at Sutherland Falls, and partake of refreshments on his grounds.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention met at half-past seven o'clock.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. K. Converse.

The following Benevolent Societies were represented in short addresses:

American Congregational Union, by Rev. R. B. Howard.

American Missionary Association, by Rev. L. Grout.

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, by Rev. E. K. Alden, D. D.

The Convention gave way for the annual meeting of the Vermont Education Society; after which, Rev. C. W. Van Norden read an essay on "The Infrequency of the Pastoral Relation — its Evils and Remedies."

After reading the essay, the following resolution was introduced and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That this body most earnestly recommend the pastoral relation to the churches as being in accordance with ancient usage, as being eminently Scriptural, as helping to preserve purity of doctrinal teaching, and as tending to unite more closely the hearts of both pastor and people in the Master's service.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Prayer meeting at 6 A. M., conducted by Rev. L. C. Partridge.

At 8:30 A. M. a devotional meeting led by Rev. W. W. Winchester.

Convention met at 9 A. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. D. Wickham, D. D.

Roll was called and the records of the previous day read and approved.

The Committee on the CHRONICLE presented the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously:

"Believing the continued publication of the VERMONT CHRONICLE a matter of great importance as an organ and helper in our churches, and with a view of affording it that healthful support which shall secure its highest measure of efficiency in these regards:

Resolved, That we hereby pledge ourselves to use our best endeavors to add at least *fifty per cent.* to its present circulation during the current year; and, further, that we will endeavor to secure the prompt payment of all subscriptions.

Resolved, That we, who are pastors and teachers, will recognize the obligation resting upon us to furnish communications for its columns, not only in respect to doctrinal and practical piety, but also such items of intelligence from our churches as shall aid to render the paper an invaluable medium of instruction, edification and mutual Christian fellowship throughout all the churches of the state.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to consult and advise with the publishers of the CHRONICLE, and report to the next General Convention on its state and prospects, and that means be devised if possible by which it may secure an adequate and permanent support."

The following report of the Treasurer, J. C. Emery, was presented, accepted and approved :

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer, in account with the*

General Convention of Ministers and Churches of Vermont.

1877.		DEBIT.		
June 20.	To cash	Lamoille Conference.....	$6 00	
22.	"	Orleans Conference.....	25 00	
Aug. 9.	"	Lamoille Conference.....	1 35	
Sept. 14.	"	Windham Conference.....	38 00	
Nov. 24.	"	Windsor Conference.....	47 00	
Dec. 15.	"	Addison Conference.....	35 00	
1878.				
Jan. 21.	"	Addison Conference	3 00	
June. 4.	"	Essex Conference.....	4 00	2 00
12.	"	Washington Conference..	30 00	12 08
	"	Bennington Conference...	20 00	10 91
	"	Orange Conference.....	42 00	21 80
	"	Caledonia Conference. ...	45 00	23 00
	"	Orleans Conference.....	28 00	13 20
	"	Franklin Conference.....	25 00	12 16
	"	Rutland Conference.....	41 00	18 56
	"	Lamoille Conference.....	10 00	5 43
	"	Chittenden Conference....	32 00	17 00
	Balance due Treasurer.....		32 86	
			$465 21	$136 14

1877.		CREDIT.	
June 20.	Balance due Treasurer.....		$44 35
Aug. 28.	By paid	J. & J. M. Poland.....	384 16
Sept. 17.	"	Rev. A. D. Barber.....	16 60
Nov. 13.	"	" "	2 10
1878.			
June 12.	"	Rev. P. S. Pratt.....	14 00
	"	Rev. C. H. Merrill.....	4 00
			$465 21

I have this day examined the accounts of J. C. Emery, Esq., Treasurer, and find them correct, proper vouchers for all disbursements, and a balance due him from the Convention of thirty-two dollars and eighty-six cents.

J. M. HAVEN, *Auditor.*

Rutland, June 12, 1878.

[The first column of receipts is what has been received for the regular State work, the second for the National Triennial Council.]

The Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting presented their report, which was adopted, as follows :

Place—Burlington.

Preacher—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks. Substitute, Rev. J. G. Johnson.

Essay—The Prominence due at present to the Ethical Element in Preaching. Primary, Prof. E. H. Higley; Substitute, Rev. V. M. Hardy.

Discussion—Is the Existence of a Religious Society for the Administration of the Secular Affairs of the Church Desirable? Affirmative, Rev. W. P. Bennett, Rev. L. Tenney; Negative, Rev. C. C. Torrey, Rev. S. I. Briant.

The following Committee on the CHRONICLE, nominated by the President, were elected: Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson, and Rev. J. G. Johnson.

The Treasurer of the Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers presented the following report, which was accepted and approved.

FAIRBANKS BOARD FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS,

In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

CREDIT.

1877.		
June 20.	By balance in treasury as per Auditor's report.	$455 43
Sept. 14.	By interest on J. Weimister's note	131 42
1878.		
March 2.	By interest on J. Weimister's note	$131 62
28.	By interest on J. Bass's note	180 00
30.	By cash for Widows and Orphans from 3d Congregational church in Burlington	21 60
April 1.	By interest on C. F. Emerson's note	90 00
22.	By balance of interest on P. Boardman's note	159 50
27.	By interest on T. Kennedy's note	165 00
		$1334 57

DEBIT.

1877-78.		
To appropriation to nine beneficiaries		$825 00
To expenses—drafts and letters		3 75
To balance in treasury		505 82
		$1334 57

There is interest overdue that should have been into the treasury last April, on the Granger and Somerville notes, $378.

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

Norwich, June 10, 1878.

I have this day examined the accounts of J. G. Stimson Esq., Treasurer, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all disbursements, with a balance in the treasury of five hundred and five dollars and eighty-two cents.

J. M. HAVEN, *Auditor.*

Rutland, June 13, 1878.

The Committee on Nominations made their report, which was adopted, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President — Rev. G. B. SAFFORD, D. D.

Vice President — Hon. JOHN B. PAGE.

Secretary — Rev. C. H. MERRILL.

Treasurer — J. C. EMERY, Esq.

Trustees — THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., Rev. A. WALKER, D. D., Hon. JOHN A. PAGE, Rev. A. STEVENS, D. D., JAMES W. HICKOK, Esq.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Fairbanks Board of Education — Rev. E. T. FAIRBANKS, Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, J. C. EMERY, Esq., Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers — THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Rev. E. P. HOOKER, Dea. CHAS. WYMAN.

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To Vermont M. E. Conference — Rev. AUSTIN HAZEN. Substitute, Rev. C. P. WATSON.

To Vermont Baptist Convention — Rev. S. P. WILDER. Substitute, Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

To F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting — Rev. S. L. BATES. Substitute, Rev. W. W. WINCHESTER.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. E. P. Hooker; *Bennington Conference*—Rev. L. C. Partridge; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. C. W. Thompson; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. C. C. Torrey; *Essex Conference*—Rev. C. Duren; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. A. B. Swift; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. J. G. Hale; *Orange Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. E. P. Wild; *Rutland Conference*—Rev. J. K. Williams; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen; *Windham Conference*—Rev. N. F. Carter; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. S. I. Briant.

After singing, the following subject, "The Lesson to be learned from Revivals and Revivalists," was discussed by the regular appointees, Rev. E. G. Read and Rev. E. J. Ranslow, and Rev. J. G. Johnson, Rev. H. Fairbanks, and Rev. R. B. Howard.

The Business Committee presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a list of our Co-operative Societies and their officers be printed in the Minutes.

Voted, that Rev. W. S. Hazen, the Corresponding Secretary and Scribe be appointed a committee to publish the Minutes of the meeting, and that the usual number be printed.

The following resolution was presented by the Business Committee, and after discussion was referred to a committee to report at the next meeting :

Resolved, That the General Convention of Congregational churches of Vermont understand that to be a pastor of a Congregational church indicates and requires the acceptance of the historic belief of these churches as it has been, from time to time, expressed by their representative assemblies; and that to remain pastor of a Congregational church, and to claim denominational fellowship with our churches and ministers after any substantial part of this historic belief has been repudiated, is considered by us as a breach of faith and inconsistent with honor and Christian character.

Rev. J. G. Johnson, Rev. R. T. Hall, and Rev. J. G. Hale, were appointed such committee.

The Committee on Terminating Church Membership reported that they could not agree, and were discharged.

Adjourned after the benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Opened by prayer by Mr. L. Phelps.

On motion, the resolution in regard to the length of pastorates was taken from the table and referred to the following committee to report at the next meeting : Rev. S. I. Briant, Rev. S. L. Bates, Rev. W. S. Hazen.

The following resolutions in regard to Divorce were referred to a committee consisting of Rev. L. O. Brastow, Rev. L. H. Elliot, and Rev. W. T. Herrick, to report at the next meeting :

Resolved, That the frequency of divorces in this State, upon the insufficient causes for which they are granted, is a great and growing evil, working injury to the family and corrupting the morals of the people, and that our laws ought to be so changed as to prevent and not to encourage this evil.

Resolved, That such is the plain teaching of Christ as to the only lawful ground for divorce, that we regard it as wrong for parties divorced for any cause except adultery, to be married to other persons while those from whom they were divorced are yet living; and that it is wrong for any person to officiate in remarrying such persons except to those from whom they have been divorced.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are tendered to the good people of Rutland for their bounteous hospitality, to the choir for their acceptable service of song, to the railroads which have extended the courtesy of reduced fare, and to Lieut. Gov. Proctor for the exceedingly pleasant excursion and fine collation provided by him.

Rev. J. G. Johnson responded in behalf of the church and people.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to collect the statistics and all other reports from the churches during the month of January of each year.

The Minutes of the Convention were read and approved, and the Scribe was authorized to complete them.

The President made some appropriate remarks appreciative of the honors conferred upon him for the past two years. Rev. J. G. Johnson offered prayer of thanksgiving for the Divine blessing on the Convention. United in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The Convention closed with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. J. D. Wickham, D. D., and Rev. John H. Hincks.

D. M. CAMP, *President.*

L. C. PARTRIDGE, *Scribe.*

L. H. ELLIOT, *Assistant Scribe.*

ANNUAL SERMON.

By Rev. George Leon Walker, D. D.

Therefore every scribe, which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old. Matt. xiii: 52.

We have here, in the simple language he was wont to use, Christ's own conception of the true manner of imparting the knowledge of the kingdom of heaven. That method, he says, has a resemblance to the old and familiar business of dispensing the stores of a prudent householder. Examples of such wise and foresighted heads of Jewish families there were doubtless many, standing just there before him, on the pleasant shore of the Galilean lake, on that summer day when these words were spoken. All who heard him could discern the aptness of the figure.

In the "treasure" of such a householder old corn would be found, ripened and dry—the harvests of autumns past, the seeds of summers to come; old wine nursing slowly the inward strength which in hour of need should revive the faint and dying; fabrics woven in prudent leisure time and laid by till new garments were wanted. And so, too, out of the same treasury came day by day the new bread, fresh-kneaded, and smoking from the oven; the salads, the figs, the grapes new-gathered from garden and vineyard; the sandals and garments just finished for him who tomorrow was to set out on a journey. The prudent householder provided for all occasions, and so his treasure-house became a place out of which old needs and new could be satisfied.

So, Christ says, is every scribe instructed unto the kingdom of heaven. Out of that kingdom's all-sufficing supplies he brings what is needed for the wants of those to whom he ministers. To meet those wants aright some things he dispenses will be "old," for there are old unchanging needs to be satisfied; bread is the daily food of healthful men. Some of the things will be "new," for there is an element of changeableness in all human necessities;—the sick man perhaps needs a medicine whose formula is

laid down in no book, and which has never been compounded before. For it is the very gist of the illustration Christ uses that the wise scribe (and by scribe I understand not what we call ministers of the gospel only, but all who in any way publicly or privately administer the gospel's stores) will find translation of his religion adequate to all wants; both the old and common, and the exceptional and new. For the gospel is not a dry mathematic system, known once known forever, but it is rather an ever-evolving power, which cannot be fully known till new junctures have brought out its new applications; applications which were indeed always latent in it, but which were hardly to be discovered till practically required. The scribe instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is expected to recognize this fact. He is to take note that the same old gospel does actually present to every age, and in a degree to every man, something of peculiarity in its aspect. The scribe is wise in proportion as he sees this. He will dispense the stores of the spiritual treasure-house aright, not when he follows some conventional method either past or present; but when with wise, appreciating sense of the actual necessities of men, he uses the resources of a gospel which combines in a way strangely unlike human systems the double elements of a constant old and a variable new.

This is a great lesson for a scribe to learn. How to be wise in this matter it is all-important for him — that is to say, all-important for each one of us Christian friends — to know. Some hints toward the better learning of this lesson will be the topic of the present discourse.

First — The scribe will do well to notice, in the first place, how wonderfully this power of the old gospel to put on the new aspect demanded by an altered time has been illustrated in the broad experiences of the church. Church history is in fact full of such instances.

Take one example before the canon of Scripture itself closed. Peter set forth the gospel in his Petecostal sermon. It was the first time the gospel had really been brought into public contact with human hearts. Strangers out of every land felt its power. It was the word for the time. What was it which he said? "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gifts of the Holy Ghost." That was the gospel. In a true sense that was the *whole* of it. Three thousand men owned its power. They were moulded by it into the first Christian community. And what was the form of that society which thus set forth the earliest results of the application of the gospel to masses of men? Why, it was a socialist companionship, where rights of individual property

were abandoned, and where gathered in one place they continued daily with one accord in acts of religious worship.

But turn now to the letters, perhaps thirty years later, of this same Apostle Peter. Turn to the stately arguments of Paul in his epistles. Read the elaborate treatise to the Hebrews. Here, too, we have the gospel. But nevertheless how different! It is not passionate asseveration of a few naked facts, as on that Petecostal morning, which now constitutes the setting forth of Christianity. No, it is argument, it is learning, it is fancy, it is illustration, which are now employed to enforce its truths. But why this change? The answer is found in the changed circumstances of those addressed.

You look for that communist assembly you saw before, eating from a common table, and doing nothing but sing and pray. It is not to be found. Those who constituted it are now scattered everywhere into distant lands. Little bands of Christians amid surrounding oppositions and idolatries, no surge of mere emotion can keep them steadfast. They must know a "reason" for the faith that is in them. And the Lord out of the treasure-house of his wisdom suits the old doctrine to the new emergence. "Work with your own hands" is now the injunction to those who a little while ago "having lands sold them" and gave themselves up to the service of praise. "As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive," is now the explanation of the method of salvation, to those who a little while before made no inquiry as to method, but threw themselves on the naked statement: "For the promise is unto you and your children." Those who once seemed to find the gospel complete in simple obedience to the command: "Repent and be baptized," are now enjoined: "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrines of baptism and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead and of eternal judgment." What a change! This was bringing out old things in principle; but certainly things seemingly new.

Come down later. The gospel had been preached in the church of the middle ages. Mixed undoubtedly with great errors and presented in a very partial manner, still it had been set forth to the salvation, it may be believed, of multitudes. The truth dwelt upon above all others was the divine authority of the church. A most important gospel-grounded truth. But men had pervertedly come to feel that mere outward connection with that church was the condition of salvation. The priest dominated over the conscience; the Pope well-nigh eclipsed the Saviour. It was time for something "new" to come out of the Lord's treasury. And

it came. It came in the rediscovered and restated doctrines of justification by faith, of a personal election, and of individual Christian responsibility. God put a trumpet to the Reformer's lips and sounded in a new birthday of his church. That trumpet call cut men to the heart as did Peter's Pentecostal voice. But it was not Peter's sermon which it spoke. It was the new sermon of Luther: "Give over the mummery of your works. Believe in a righteousness of faith. Christ only can forgive you. Go directly to him, and suffer no juggling priest to come between." It was indeed the old gospel, but the sermon sounded new. Luther simply read some few chapters of Romans and Galatians, and those old cathedral arches echo with them to this day.

Or come into our own times. If there is one truth more than another which for sixty years past has appealed to the hearts of the church, that truth is the brotherhood of all mankind, and the responsibility which that brotherhood implies. What has been the result? Why, the gospel has taken on an aspect almost unknown to generations previous. The whole missionary history of recent times is a development of this relatively novel conception of the obligations of human kinship. Hospitals for the sick, retreats for the insane, homes for the orphan, asylums for the inebriate and the Magdalen, rise now everywhere; a comparatively new expression of the gospel spirit, but as true an expression as are houses of prayer. Yes it is true "new things" come out of the gospel treasure-house as well as "old." Doctrine, duty, polity, and life have undergone successive changes from age to age.

Do any of you, for example, (speaking of a doctrinal change a moment,) think of Christ's redeeming work as the church of Origen's day and onward for seven centuries thought? Do you think your Saviour entered into compact with Satan to become his slave as the condition of your ransom, and then broke his agreement and outwitted Satan in the bargain? Had you lived in Alexandria you would have been excommunicated if you had not thought so. In Rome six centuries later you might have been burned.

Or duty: where do you look for an example of ready obedience to Christ's law of universal philanthropy? To Peter, scarcely convinced by a thrice-repeated vision that God "could grant unto Gentiles" repentance unto life? To mediæval Christianity, ready to spend millions to fight the Saracens, but never thinking to give a penny to convert them? Has not this plant of Christian love shot upward, even in our own day, from pallid blade to golden ear, with a growth unknown before? India, China, Islands of the Pacific, say!

One thing, then, which the scribe instructed unto the kingdom

of heaven will be wise to learn, is the power of the gospel to put on new aspects, develop new instrumentalities with altering times. He must bring out "new" things as well as "old."

Second—But, in the second place, another thing the scribe will notice is this. Amid all those outwardly changeful aspects which the gospel has put on from age to age (some few of which, out of many, we have hurriedly glanced at) that gospel itself as a divine, supernatural, unchangeable provision of God for human need, has always been the same. The new presentation has always been of the old substance. The variation has been within the limits of the permanent. The message, however superficially novel in statement or proportion, has always implied and rested back upon certain facts in human necessity and in God's administration, which have been unaltering. Take those very instances of diversity which have been adduced to illustrate the variousness of the gospel's appeal to altering times; they are equally illustrations of the unchangeableness of the gospel in whatever it proclaims. Peter's passionate appeal, "Repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," and Paul's calm declaration, "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive," both involve, nay, both found themselves upon the same facts of man's lost condition and God's provided atonement. Both set forth, and perhaps equally, the fact and the necessity for a divine plan of recovery from human ruin.

The Reformation's seemingly novel message was but a restatement of the same truth of the guilt of man, the grace of God, the necessity for personal repentance and faith as the condition of all human hope.

And modern Christianity, in all its widest developments of missions and philanthropy, is but a re-affirmation in language suited to our present time, of the community in loss and suffering of all mankind, and the amplitude and impartiality of those provisions made in Jesus Christ for the redress of a universal need.

Always the gospel has been "old" as well as new. Man's ruin, God's grace, a real atonement, salvation by faith, the obligation of righteousness, a probationary life, a resurrection from the dead and an eternal judgment — these have been its substantial and its unchanging realities. No new form it has ever taken on, so long as it was a true form, has ever eclipsed one of them, the gospel's integral and everlasting verities. The wise scribe will remember this fact.

Third—But now in connection with the two facts thus pointed out—the facts of a changeful aspect and a permanent substance — a third fact not less important for the "scribe instructed unto the kingdom of heaven" to take serious notice of, comes into view.

That fact is this: All alongside the successful line of application of the old gospel to the new emergencies of history, ran parallel lines of unsuccessful experiments, made ostensibly for the same object. Every step of the gospel's true development in meeting the varying wants of men has been marked by the shadow of erroneous endeavors, clamorously demanding to be regarded as the true application of the old faith to the new need. This parallel march of unwise and injurious experiments side by side with the true march of gospel progress is one of the most important facts in Christian history.

It — like the true progress which we have in some of its points been considering — began before the close of the canonical Scriptures. All through the writings of the Apostles we get hints of such endeavors at improvement in gospel doctrine and method; endeavors which it was one main effort of all the Apostles' later history to rebuke and control. How it comes out in Paul's passionate expostulations with the churches of Galatia and Corinth, who were in danger, he thought, of being absolutely removed into "another gospel" by these improvers upon the things he had taught; these "intruders into things not seen;" these men "puffed up with the fleshly mind!"

How Peter lifted up his voice against certain teachers, already "speaking great, swelling words of vanity;" who "promised liberty, even while themselves servants of corruption!" And the seven epistles to the churches in the Apocalypse, what are they but admonitions to steadfastness against evils, which, under the gospel and sometimes under the guise of prophetic inspiration, had already weakened almost every one of them?

But passing out from the apostolic period, glance rapidly at a suggestion or two — for time will suffice for nothing more — borrowed from later Christian history. What variation from true Christianity, while professing to be at the same time Christianity's very truest form, occupies a greater space in ecclesiastical story than Arianism—the doctrine of the derived and inferior being of Christ? Whether the number, the learning, or the influence of its adherents, or the subtlety, and, indeed, the lastingness of its doctrines be taken into view, no error, perhaps, of all the ages of Christianity has been so important. It developed in the fourth century: it survives to the nineteenth.

The Arian doctrine of the person, and necessarily, also, of the work of Christ, was commended to those who knew its author by a learning, a zeal, and a morality on his part which commanded the homage of his bitterest adversaries. And to thousands who knew then, or since have known, little of the man, the doctrine has commended itself by a kind of satisfactoriness to the natural

understanding. Introduced as a new interpretation and application of the gospel, it promised fairly at one time absolutely to subvert and conquer the gospel. Condemned, indeed, with great difficulty, and mainly by the transcendent efforts of one man at the Nicene Council, it five times drove Athanasius himself into exile from his Alexandrian bishopric; it spread eastward and westward; it gathered strength from the passing away both of its author and his chief antagonist; it conquered nations and missionized wild and barbarous tribes from Armenia to the Baltic and the Biscay. The whole of the vast Gothic population which descended on the Roman empire held to the Arian faith. Alaric, the conquerer of the Imperial city, was an Arian. Ulfilas, who invented an alphabet in which to write out the first Teutonic version of the Scriptures, was an Arian. The kingdoms of France and Spain were Arian. It ruled from the throne of Lombardy. Distinguished by zeal, missionary enterprise and heroic self-sacrifice, it threatened to be the form of Christianity which was to dominate the world.

Interesting is it to note also, that Arianism was not merely a doctrine, professing a better statement of Christianity, but a method as well. It propagated itself largely by song. Mule-drivers in Constantinople markets, vine-dressers in Italian vineyards, goatherds in France and German villages, sung as familiar hymns the stanzas in which the doctrines of Arian had been cast into material form. Humanly speaking it was an almost infinitely narrow escape that the world is not Arian today.

But leaving this vast and not yet wholly eradicated error of Arianism behind, the student of ecclesiastical history is confronted all the way down with similar illustrations, though on a smaller scale, of the existence side by side with the true progress of Christian doctrine and method of an erroneous development clamorously asserting its superior worth and gaining the adhesion of multitudes.

Pelagianism and Nestorianism in the fifth and sixth centuries; Monotholitism and Maronitism in the seventh and eighth; Paulicianism reaching wide over Greece, Armenia, Italy, Germany and France in the ninth and tenth centuries; Petrobbrusianism and Catharism in the eleventh and twelfth, severally conduct the worried student of new and better gospels down to the heated time of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, when Germany was overrun with the sect of the "Flagellants" who, out of loyalty to a suffering and beaten Christ, and in a spirit of excited Protestantism against a Romanized church-system of salvation by sacraments, beat themselves to ghastly spectacles in the name of piety; when the "Dancers" of Flanders and Holland wrought themselves into

ecstasies of freer faith and joy, and when the "Brethren-of-the-Free-Spirit" throughout northern Europe, supposed themselves to attain to that freedom from law — "O happy condition!" — which has in every period lain so close by a hyper-orthodoxy of belief, and a licentious heterodoxy of conduct.

A step from this point lands us in the Reformation. Period grand and glorious for pure Christianity! Epoch forever memorable for a new statement of the old gospel! But not one so-called new statement only, confronts us on that motley stage of the Reformation era. Beside that representation of the gospel's principles and methods which the world has come to reverence for its fidelity to the old and unchanging verities of religion, was many another representation, equally earnest, but over which history would gladly cast a veil. If this was the age of Luther, *clarum et venerabile nomen*, so also was it the age of Carlstadt and Nicholas Storch and Thomas Munzer, names of very unlike suggestion, but all of them perhaps written in the Book of Life. If this was the period of emancipation from Papistic rule, so was it also of Anabaptist extravagance. If the Reformers brought forth the Bible from monkish obscurity to make it the law of Christian action, so also did the doctrine find utterance that nothing beside the Bible was needed to qualify men to preach its gospel. Storch and Stubner had never been at the university and yet were prophets — many believed truer prophets than Melancthon and Luther; and Carlstadt from his professor's chair advised his students to return to their homes and follow the plow to be ministers of the gospel. A mechanic was just as well, nay perhaps better qualified to preach the gospel, than all the divines in the world. Did Luther explode the doctrine of Transubstantiation? Conrad Grebel did more, he exploded the sacraments altogether; "The baptism of a child," he says, "is no more than the baptism of a cat." Perfect sanctification, contempt for human learning, revolt against all authority — these are parallel experiments all along the line of a revived gospel in the Reformation time. Experiments, too, not by bad men, but by men bent on giving the gospel larger scope and bringing the "old" truth as they conceived of it, into application to the "new" time.

And coming down nearer to, or perhaps absolutely to our own period, need I speak of Irvingism and Millerism, and Perfectionism under many a title, as constituting a kind of parallel line of Christian experiment in every considerable reapplication of the old gospel to modern need? Need I say that these erroneous experiments are wrought chiefly by good men, and that they are set forth under the plea of larger light and fuller grace? Can we think of any extravagance of doctrine or unwisdom of

method which has not made this defence of itself? Is not the history of the church, from the beginning, full to overflowing with examples of multitudes "led astray" by a light they believed to be "from heaven?" The wise scribe will remember these things.

Taking now the three points which have thus far been considered into view, namely: — the capacity of the gospel to put on new aspects, the unchanging substance of the gospel itself, and the vast volume of mistake and error in setting forth what was supposed to be new and true developments of the gospel, which have constituted a kind of sinister parallel line running down the track of Christian history — the scribe instructed unto the kingdom of heaven will be deeply impressed by the necessity of caution and discrimination in his attempts to bring out of the gospel treasury "new" things and "old." He will remember (for an infinite volume of historic fact is suited to remind him of it) that not all new things are true things; that not everything which purports to be brought out of the gospel treasury really comes from thence, and that because anything is much belauded and followed is no certain test of its abiding usefulness. He will bethink himself (he cannot do otherwise if he remembers the lessons of ecclesiastical story) that multitudinous applause is no certain criterion of truth; that honesty of intention is not absolute security against error; and that personal piety and familiarity with the literal text of a Bible does not make a man an infallible expounder of inspired truth.

So that it becomes a part of every wise scribe's duty to discover, according to the best lights afforded him, what is true and what is timely in things which purport to come out of God's Word. He is to consider and to judge. He is not to follow a multitude even in doing good, because of the multitudes. He is to do the good, if he does it, alone. He is to seek for the truth and speak it plain, even if it seems like a voice almost solitary.

And in looking about, just at the present time, fathers and brethren, for some guiding light by which the scribe who desires to be "instructed unto the kingdom of heaven" may determine his course, there are, I think, two beacons of heavenly illumination which shed light into many a dark place.

First—The first of these guiding lights is the *permanency of the chief instrumentalities—the Christian church and the stated and regular Gospel Ministry—appointed for the conservation of religion and the salvation of men.* I am not going into any argument at this point of my discourse, if, indeed in your presence I should at any time, upon the lasting and divine commission of the church or of its ministry. Some things in an assembly like this may be taken for granted. And among the most elementary of them, surely, is

the place given in divine economy to that institution of Christ's own organization, the *visible church*, and to the permanent servants of the church, as the chief agents in the conversion, the spiritual nurture and progressive sanctification of men. The visible Christian church, with its instruments for religious instruction and for pastoral care—what agency for spiritual welfare is comparable in importance to this, as tested by the experience of more than eighteen hundred years? I emphasize, and not unwisely, if the experience of all the great ecclesiastical bodies of Christendom teaches anything, the *pastoral* function of the church's instruments. Look out over the broad expanse of the great communions present or past—Greek, Catholic, Anglican—and what lesson is more impressive than this, the vast place in the spiritual culture of men which, in addition to preaching or expounding God's word, has been held by that *shepardıng of souls* which is the highest form of pastoral care! Forgetting, if we might, the divinely appointed character of this agency, what one beside can enter into a moment's competition with it, in effectiveness for *safe* and enduring usefulness, as witnessed to on all the chequered pages of ecclesiastical story?

Yes, the visible Christian church, with its appointed and abiding instruments — whether in a city's crowded streets or on the country's lonely hill-top, then—I appeal to almost nineteen centuries of experience on this matter, and to every historic body of believers — have been and now are Christianity's main dependencies, whether for propagation or for nurture. Nothing can take the place of these agencies. Nothing can wisely be suffered to make them obscure. They are integral and lasting factors of the ordered means of Christian development. And for far the greater portions of our communities, and of all communities, they are practically the only available agencies. The little hillside town of New England, the scattered villages of the West, the hamlets of Great Britain and Protestant Europe, the bulk, in fact, of souls to be saved and of Christians to be nurtured, must be reached and cared for by these agencies, if by any. No local and occasional, no multitudinous and Tabernacular instrumentalities, however useful, can by possibility compare in solid and enduring results with the old and time-tested agency of the steady-going visible church, with its band of covenanted believers and its permanent pastoral guides.

If, indeed, it should so happen that the church and the ministry should at any time grow unfaithful and remiss in the administration of the gospel trust, why then it is not to be wondered at if men feel about for other agencies for doing and getting good. If the church and the agencies instituted by Christ are fully to meet

the wants of human souls, that church must be really alive with his indwelling, those agencies must be fully hallowed to his service. If it be otherwise, and in the degree in which it is otherwise, men will turn — they cannot be blamed if they do turn — to sources which they think more hopeful for their supplies.

And looking out on the course of affairs about us, I am ready to concede that to some extent certain now popular religious movements of an itinerant and evangelizing character, are, in a measure, symptomatic of unmet wants. There is a degree of truthfulness not by any means so large as some utterances we hear would imply, but a degree of truthfulness in the charge that the church has been cold and the ministry has been formal. Such a notion is not half as true as some people think it is, but it ought not to be true at all. And for whatever of fact there is about it, more or less, you brethren of the churches, we fathers and brothers in the ministry, ought to take to ourselves sorrow and humiliation. If the idea has got abroad (and it certainly has among some classes of men) that a tabernacle is a warmer place than the church, and the evangelist a more devoted man than the minister, let us repent that such a conception should have been possible.

But having conceded thus much in recognition of a certain symptomatic character about recent religious phenomena which should lead the church and the ministry to a more earnest dedication of themselves to their appointed work, it becomes us not to blind ourselves to the liability of a dangerous obscuration of the truth (which, nevertheless, we must come back to and rest on) that to churches which *locally represent Christ's cause*, and to a *pastoral and abiding ministry*, is given the great hope of the gospel in the salvation of men.

But, my friends, if one may judge by many of the current signs of the times, is there not some danger of the obscuration of this truth? Reading the columns of our religious newspapers, listening to utterances both in pulpit and in pew, are not tokens discernible on many sides of an inclination perilously to discredit the gospel's more permanent agencies, in comparison with others of a character inherently ephemeral and spasmodic? Is the language infrequent, even among members of the church, which stigmatizes its sober gatherings, its familiar hymns, its undemonstrative services, as old-fogyish and frozen? Do not many speak almost with a sneer of an "ordained" ministry and an "educated" religious guidance? Is not a disposition manifest in not a few persons quite young in spiritual experience to sit in judgment on the churches into whose fellowship they have very lately entered, and on laborers in the gospel fields who were gray before their censors knew the fifth commandment?

Is not a symbol-hunting, grasshopper exegesis, which jumps from word to word of Bible-text under the guidance of a concordance, becoming a suspiciously conspicuous feature of religious teaching, and arrogating to itself about the only competency in the interpreting of the Word? Are not expounders of the Scripture (dogmatic largely in proportion to the brevity of their experience and the scantiness of their knowledge) already pestering with crude notions of Second Adventism, of Higher Life, of Law Emancipation, and what not, many of our public conventions, our Sabbath-school classes and our church assemblies? Is there not, in short, some peril that a system of irresponsible Evangelism (I allude to no particular man as its exponent), but some peril that a system of irresponsible Evangelism, ramifying we know not how far, and enlisting in its progress not men of sober sense and tested piety alone (though such certainly there are), but callow experimenters, English adventurers, unfeminine exhorters, untaught enthusiasts, may spread widely among us, and be found in the result seriously to have weakened the hold upon the common mind of those abiding instrumentalities which after all must be mainly trusted to for the conservation and extension of piety among men? If it should be found that the ardor of popular devotion to a partial and transitory form of Christian endeavor had thus belittled the gospel's more responsible and enduring agencies, surely it would sometime be a sorrow. Whether it will be found so I do not say. I only say the scribe who is "instructed unto the kingdom of heaven" will consider the question. And as one light on the problem he will remember the permanency of Christ's appointed instrumentalities for the salvation and sanctification of men.

Second—The other of the two great beacon lights by which the wise scribe will endeavor to direct his course in bringing out "new" things and "old" is this: The *fundamentality of certain doctrines and facts in relation to all genuine religious experience.*

If Christianity is a divine or even a true system at all, it rests back, as has already been said, upon certain unchangeable facts, and these facts, really apprehended, must imply certain fundamental experience. If man's condition be naturally and universally one of ruin, some sense of that ruin, some little glimmering feeling of it, would appear to be a necessary preliminary to, or accompaniment of, any voluntary acceptance of a recovery.

If there is such a thing as sin; and if it is a thing intrinsically evil and perilous; and if one aim of what is called the gospel is to free men from sin, some degree of mental clearness and of moral sensibility respecting its nature and its power, would certainly seem to be needful to any intelligent endeavor to escape

from it. If God has, in point of fact, provided a certain method of dealing with this sin evil ;—a method involving on his part an actual sin-expiation and on man's part an actual sin-renunciation, and both requiring for their practical application a spiritual approval and embrace ;—why then conviction, repentance, surrender, trust, would appear to be in some degree integral and necessary elements of Christian experience.

So at least it has been supposed. But *is* it so, now, always taught ? In connection especially with some of those newer, and just now loudly popular and demonstrative agencies to which reference has been made, have the inculcations always been intelligently or even safely recognitive of some of the plainest fundamentalities of experimental piety ? For example : is it quite wise or right in reiterated addresses to crowded assemblies (where no special tokens of deep convicting emotion are manifest) deliberately to discredit, not to say to even ridicule the necessity of emotion ? To declare that feeling is "not very important;" is not "inculcated in the Bible"; ought not to be asked for of men ? A thoughtful man can hardly forget that it is told of an apostle that he "went out and wept bitterly ;" or that it is said of three thousand men on the day of Pentecost that they were "pricked in their hearts, and cried out, 'men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Are there no tokens of a tendency to slur over repentance as any very necessary forerunner of confident assurance of *forgiveness ?* Without raising at all the metaphysical question about the instantaneousness of moral change, (a question where I doubt not we should be all agreed that it is instantaneous), is it after all absolutely true to say : "All you have to do is just to make up your mind that you will be a Christian and you are one ?" "Mr. Jones and Miss Brown," says one of our most distinguished evangelists, "stand up before a minister, and in a single minute, only a single minute, are not Mr. Jones and Miss Brown any more, but Mr. and Mrs. Jones." But surely it is not impertinent to hope, for the sake of this suddenly married couple's after welfare, that Mr. Jones and Miss Brown had had at least a minute's thought on what they were doing before they "stood up."

Or concerning faith : Is faith as an intellectual act enforced by the will and resolved upon crediting the assurance of one's actual present salvation, precisely identical with that saving act which trusts one's all to a Redeemer in loving embrace of that promise, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" ? "Salvation by faith," and salvation by making-up-your-mind-that-you-will-believe-that-you-are-saved — is there not more than an appreciable, is there not a vast and essential difference between these things ?

And sanctification: is that, as many a biblical exhortation to "grow in grace" would seem to argue, and much solid experience would appear to confirm, a progressive, increasing, life-long process, or is it a single spiritual cataclysm by which the drunkard and opium eater are freed from their bodily appetites, and the convert of five minutes' standing is brought into all the liberty of the "full assurance of faith?"

These are questions which the wise scribe will ponder—ponder now, when the necessity of an answer to them seems urgent in our churches; now, when on many a side tokens appear that if much good "wheat" has been sown, some one hath also sown "tares."

"Things new and old." Yes, both are in the Lord's "treasury," and a wise scribe will seek to "bring them out." Hospitality to what is "new" and good will characterize him, as well as fidelity to what is "old" and tried. Let us have all that we can of both. The good "new" and the approved "old"—we can dispense with neither! All that really comes "out" of the gospel stores be it ours to welcome and to employ!

New hymns let us have; but let them be true to doctrine and experience, and let them conduce somewhat to other than personal and self-gratulating emotions of piety.

New measures let us have; but let them be such as will leave their subjects somewhat fitted for those practical conditions of life and labor in which they must spend their days—the quiet duties of life and the patient labors of the Christian church.

New views of the atonement let us have; but let us be careful after all to cleave fast to the fact of an atonement.

New light on the question of future punishment, if we can, let us gain: but let us gain it without eviscerating of significance the actual teachings of Christ.

Let our views of faith be new: but let it be a faith by which a perishing soul takes actual hold on Christ—not into a mere doctrine of personal assurance—to hold on to Christ, to cleave to Christ, and to follow after Christ forever.

New conceptions of sanctification let us attain. But let it be the genuine thing; not a personal conceit of superiority and of sinlessness. Let what there is "new" about it be a newer sense of the infinite claims of holiness, and a newer aspiration after purity of the soul. Let us all, fathers and brethren, gathered here in our annual convocation, gain a truer and deeper feeling of the divine function and commission of that Christian church—the living body of the Lord—of which we are all of us members, and in which we all (whether technically ministers or not) have a real ministry appointed to us. Ah, the divinely organized Chris-

tian church! the new Incarnation of Immanuel! the ever living, ever growing body of Christ—who of us has ever reached a comprehension of the strength of its fully consecrated powers, and the grandeur of its appointed mission!

To a truer conception of it let us ever aspire! To a fuller devotion of ourselves to its objects let us be increasingly dedicated! More and more let us seek to help the church to be all that it was intended and sufficient to be, for a sinning and suffering world! Let not an excuse be left for the arising of agencies assuming to do a better work than the church—*the manifested Christ*—can do.

And may he who is the Master Steward of the Gospel Treasury grant each one of us, in our various positions and callings in life, to be so instructed "unto the kingdom of heaven," as to be able to "bring out" more and more, for the comfort and salvation of men, the "new" which will abide and the "old" which has been tried!

REPORT

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STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

According to our custom, and your requirement, brethren of the Convention, I offer a condensed statement of some of the facts which have come to me, and a summary of statistics, which may help your estimate of the progress of our work the past year, and of the present condition of the religious life of our churches. The recognized law of life on the part of the nearly two hundred Christian communities here represented, the chief source of motive and guidance in all our better living and working, is the word of God. In asking, therefore, after the work and the welfare of our people, we naturally seek to know how the word of God has been ministered and received among them. The more prominent agencies for declaring and enforcing divine truth, are the pulpit and the Bible Schools, these being supplemented and greatly aided by certain social, domestic and individual methods of leading the old and the young to hear, believe and obey the words which have been spoken of the Lord.

In our free commonwealth the word of God is not bound, our pulpits are never silenced by civil mandate, and in most of our churches having sufficient congregations, the Gospel of life has been preached from Sabbath to Sabbath during the year. In some of the feebler churches the supply of the pulpit has been intermitted or partial. We estimate nearly sixty pastors and over ninety acting pastors or stated supplies in the state, some filling two pulpits, and some pulpits depending on brief engagements and occasional preachers. The changes have been not infrequent, and from various causes. We suspect that some, even of our self-sustaining societies, find in the stringency of the times, increasing difficulty in raising ministerial salaries. There is equal or greater difficulty in living upon many of the salaries offered. Relief in this respect is sought, though not always found, by changes Doubtless, also, in the shifting of populations, in the fluctuations of business, and in differing religious conditions of the people, the mutual adaptations of certain men and certain fields will be

altered. Ordinarily circumstances seem to have less influence in this matter than peculiar tastes and unsettled principles of action.

Forty-four pulpit changes have been reported since last year. About one quarter of these are from vacancies to supplies, an equal number from supplies to vacancies, while the remaining pulpits continue as heretofore to be filled, but by other incumbents.

Now and then the Master of the vineyard himself marks the full limit of earthly service, and transfers his ministers to a higher sphere of labor and reward. Several who many years ago, or more recently, entered this field by the pathway of holy consecration, have this year heard the summons to go hence, and we have turned tearfully, yet admiringly, to witness their triumphant departure, going out of the gate which opens upward to glory. Of those who, for age or infirmities, had already ceased from regular pulpit service, we record the names of Samuel Read Hall, eminently useful, not only as a minister but as a teacher of teachers, Aaron Gaylord Pease, profound in religious science and an active philanthropist, Silas McKeen, a distinguished pastor crowned with long life and salvation, Willard Child, loved and admired whether in the pulpit or in pastoral and social life, and Harvey O. Higley, the exemplary deacon. And since the opening of this Convention we are pained by the announcement of the decease of another of the fathers, the excellent Dr. Dougherty, of Johnson. Others were arrested in the midst of earnest and acceptable labor, leaving pulpits sadly vacated and sanctuaries shrouded with mourning. Of these were Cyrus B. Drake, whom none will name but to praise, Stephen Sargent Morrill, who came into the state to fill a temporary vacancy, but according to the divine plan, to finish in his native town a beautiful and devoted Christian life. We may here also mention the name of Rev. J. L. Cook, who though of another ecclesiastical connection, had kindly and usefully ministered to one of our smaller churches continuously, for the last ten years. Of those who remain, as well as of the departed, we trust the record is made that they have preached the preaching which Christ has bidden, that they have instructed the people in the whole counsel of God, guiding their feet in the paths of righteousness, and feeding them with that living bread which nourishes the soul in the everlasting life.

We who were at the last Convention may not soon forget the tender interest shown by that model pastor, Dr. Drake, in his yearly recital of the laborers who had fallen in death, and his earnest prayer at the close of the report, for the churches and the surviving ministers. Nor will there fade from our memory the glowing exhortation of the revered patriarch, Dr. McKeen, as he

uttered his last words of fellowship and counsel, while he reiterated, what his own life and death have well illustrated, the charge of Him who stood in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

THE SABBATH SCHOOLS

of Vermont, as we apprehend, stand only second to the pulpits, as an effective agency for unfolding and diffusing the treasures of divine truth. The number of these must be more than that of the pulpits. In some cases the attendance is nearly equal to that of the congregations, though usually smaller, but embraces many who either cannot attend the pulpit service, or who, by reason of tender age, require more simplified and familiar instructions. While many of its teachers lack Biblical knowledge and training for the work, there is yet actually enlisted much of the best teaching talent and consecrated zeal of the state. At least one hundred of the pastors are reported as being personally active in the Bible Schools, the majority as teachers, often of large classes of young men, sometimes serving as Superintendents, and frequently conducting teachers' meetings, or the weekly review exercises, or in separate services explaining and applying the regular lessons. With these pastors are associated some three thousand teachers, generally church members, who thus multiply twenty fold the number enlisted every week to search the Scriptures, not for themselves only but for others, and by prayer and wise and patient effort, to bring an edifying portion in due season to each of many souls. Thus a large proportion of our lay men and women are co-workers with the ordained ministry in preaching the Gospel, sometimes in a sphere more limited, and yet perhaps for this very reason better filled. "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them."

We have returns from the schools of one hundred and seventy-five churches, seven eighths of the whole number. About three out of four of the Conferences now give very full and satisfactory figures for each of the columns. If for the year 1878, we can get reports from twenty more schools, and each will duly regard the seven different items of information desired, we will cheerfully acknowledge the kindness and fidelity of our Sunday-school clerks, while, for the use of the public, we shall then be able to present more definite and useful summaries. The schools from which we have now heard, report, in round numbers, twenty-two thousand members, with an average attendance of thirteen thousand. Probably one half of the members are under twenty years

of age. The expenses of these one hundred and seventy-five schools are placed at $6,000, a sum not designed to include their benevolent contributions, these being more properly included with those of the churches with which they are connected.

The recent returns upon the state of religion make frequent mention of the schools, and commonly in encouraging terms. In one case there is an apprehended tendency of the International system to separate the institutions of school and congregation, and to render the school co-ordinate with, rather than subordinate to the church. Commonly the school is treated as a constituent part of the church, considered as a religious institution, or rather a favorite and effective method of accomplishing the legitimate work of the church. Several emphatic testimonies are given of the favorable operation of the one-sermon plan, whether as recently introduced or as tested for a series of years, in its promotion of more popular study of the Bible. Such witness comes from Peacham, Brookfield 1st, West Brattleboro, etc. Teachers' meetings, of which we hear of only forty-three in the State, are recognized as essential helps, bringing advantage, when fairly tried, even beyond what had been anticipated.

Some churches which have enjoyed revival, as at Middletown, find most of their converts have come from their Sabbath School. In other towns accessions are mostly from without, and the schools fulfil the important office of instruction in the principles and rules of the gospel life, and in familiarizing those who have been strangers to the Bible with this precious manual of Christian duty. A large number of the schools are reported as increasing in attendance, or as improving in character, stability and tone, and in zealous and earnest searching of the Scriptures. Under the influence of the revival at Burlington and elsewhere, teachers are more thoroughly committed to their work, and scholars in a more hopeful spirit. Mission schools are sustained in many towns, the one at Bennington for twenty years. We deem it a most healthful symptom that there is at present so decided a taste for biblical knowledge, and an increasing tendency in religious experience to exemplify Bible religion.

REVIVAL WORK AND RESULTS.

Beside the regular use of the ordinary means of grace, public and private, in the church, the school and the home, the people of God are sometimes moved to extraordinary measures for securing the same ends more immediately and in larger degree. There are periods when the sowers of the good seed feel that they must not wait four months for the harvest, but by an intensifying of the

truths which convict the soul, and by an impassioned and persistent urging of the considerations which compel the will to action, with fervent solicitude, believing prayer and united effort, seek to produce a general awakening, and to draw many souls directly to Christ. Providence often favors such special movements; the Spirit reveals His presence and power, and the Word has free course and is glorified.

Revivals of religion are no rare phenomena in the history of Vermont churches. And that spirit of zeal for Christ and souls which has been quite prominent in recent years, has not ceased, perhaps has not essentially abated. It may have assumed new forms, and shown itself in other sections of the State, but its character is essentially the same, and it works similar beneficent results.

A leading movement in recent years has been the Gospel Work so faithfully prosecuted by the Young Men's Christian Associations. Of this work we now hear something less than previously, but still enough to prove that the Gospel of Christ has practical power, and that the converting Spirit often works through this instrumentality. Several churches speak of advantage gained in their fields in this way during the past year.

A marked instance of the good thus accomplished may be seen at East Dorset. Two visits of these Workers, with brief series of meetings, a few months ago, developed a strong religious feeling in the community, and brought to maturity a work which may have commenced in closet prayer and ordinary pastoral service. The truth as it is in Jesus, presented with simplicity, directness and in love, took happy effect. Worldly ambitions and irreligious lives and sceptical thoughts were brought into obedience to Christ. A new moral aspect was soon given to the village, and a higher, purer tone to the lives of the people. The two small churches, Methodist and Congregational, always united in one congregation, were largely reinforced with new members, the majority being of mature age and leading influence. The little Congregational church, which seemed almost ready to die, was at once increased *sevenfold*, and it now seems assured not only of prolonged existence but of extended usefulness.

Another method of revival work which has been prevalent elsewhere has also been introduced into our State, viz., that of the preaching and singing evangelists. The winter campaign of Mr. Moody and his co-workers commenced in Vermont, and the month of October was spent by them in Burlington, Rutland and Bennington, a speaker and a singer being assigned to each of these places. The results of these labors were of a character similar to what is well known to have attended those in the larger cities of

other states. Favorable testimony is given of the value of this movement as bearing upon the religious condition of these towns and in the conversion of many to God.

Several other professional evangelists, men and women of different denominations, have been called in to assist in revival work in various places. Under their leading, union services and co-operating efforts by the several churches of a village have been sustained, the word has come with power, prayer has been answered, and very many have given themselves to Christ and to a life of obedience. Among our churches which have been thus refreshed and strengthened are Charlotte, Brandon, and Middletown.

Another form still of combined religious effort, of obvious suitableness, the results of which have justified the measure, is what is sometimes termed fellowship meetings. A few neighboring churches and pastors arrange to come together for continuous prayer and labor for a few days in behalf of the place of their meeting. In the course of some weeks all the churches thus interested may be privileged with this fraternal and quickening service. This plan favors mutual knowledge of, and interest in each other, united and earnest attention to the interests of the kingdom of Christ, kindly and judicious treatment of inquiring souls, and it has wrought beneficial results in quite a number of places. The following churches have reported such meetings—Wolcott, Stowe, Morrisville and Johnson, in Lamoille county, Benson, Clarendon, Castleton, Danby, Pittsford and Wallingford, in Rutland county, Bellows Falls, Saxton's River, Westminster, and Westminster West, in Windham county ; and the meetings of a Circular Conference occasionally referred to, are, we judge, of similar character and influence.

Nor do we infer that the fire of Christian love and consecration is going down upon many altars where no special services of this kind are reported. Evangelistic and foreign aid seem quite needful in some cases, as where infidelity and iniquity are strongly intrenched, where a large portion of the church has become extremely lukewarm and carnal, and sometimes for the sake of reaching a hitherto unmoved element within or by the side of a Christian people, for which the established methods of treatment have proved ineffectual. But there must be limits beyond which such aid should not be employed or desired. And we have pleasing assurance from very many of our churches now only sustaining the regular ordinances and means of grace, that they are consciously abiding in a genial spiritual atmosphere, enjoying vigorous moral health, and consciously growing, if not rapidly in numbers, at least in gospel knowledge and experience, finding more

delight and attaining greater success in the work of the Lord. Expressions like the following are not infrequent in recent reports. "Church harmonious and healthful." "Prayer meetings largely attended, well sustained, and pervaded by a serious and thankful spirit." "Prayer meeting better sustained, having an attendance of forty per cent. of the congregation, sometimes of seventy-five per cent." "Church stable and conservative, yet growing in Christian life." "Our endeavor has been to lay the foundation for stronger Christian character and better Christian work: hence have declined overtures from outside for evangelistic work among us, and have directed our efforts to the Christian life within the church." Once again, "Peace has reigned within the borders of the church, and the peace of God fills the hearts of the brethren."

As we count revivals to be but the quickening of the religious life of a Christian community, through special application of the word of God and the power of the Spirit, happy is that people once quickened who continue to live and to walk in the Spirit, and whose daily living and benevolent activities constantly illustrate the heavenly wisdom and gracious influences of the word of God.

In the changing of our statistical year, as ordered by the last Convention, making it to coincide with the calendar year, it was unavoidable that the first report should either be only that of a fragmentary year, or that the first four months should be the second time reported. The latter method was preferred specially with reference to the ultimate tables of series of years in which the general progress of church life and work is to be recorded and compared. We have taken the pains, however, to secure the returns for 1877 in two parts, the first including the four months previously reported, and the other of the remainder of the year. We have also asked the number of additions to the churches during the first four months of 1878. The question has usually been answered, though not in all cases, or quite indefinitely. Thus, none are reported from Chittenden Conference, save from Charlotte. So far as we have learned, the summing up of this column of additions by profession, as given for the statistical year 1877, corresponds very nearly with that for the Convention year closing with the first Sabbath in May. In the former case the figures stand at seven hundred and thirty-eight; in the latter our estimate is over seven hundred and fifty. Including additions by letter, the whole numbers are one thousand and ninety-four for the statistical year, and about one thousand and forty-one for the Convention year. In 1877 the number of professions reported for the first four months, including three regular communion Sab-

baths, exceeded those added the remainder of the year, about as five to three.

The results stated show a falling off by nearly one third of the number making profession of faith in Christ as compared with the last previous report. There is, however, still a large advance above the average of several years previous to 1875. Judging not only from this important item but from general statements, the past may regarded as more than an ordinarily prosperous year as to the spiritual harvest.

PUBLIC MORALS.

The antagonism of Gospel work against sin occasions inevitable conflict with certain prominent forms of vice and crime, hard to extirpate even in this reputable Green Mountain State. The flesh lusteth against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh.

The evil of Intemperance is specially mentioned in the reports as one of magnitude, and calling for strenuous measures for its abatement. In one of our Christian towns it is remarked that influences prejudicial to the morals of young men are evident to careful observation ; in another of good repute, delirium tremens has its victims ; and in this very county, within a week, a man flung himself from a high bridge, a suicide under the influence of the intoxicating cup which had been put to his lips. Such sad facts are of too frequent occurrence, and our Christian people do not view them with apathy. The methods of frustrating the devices of the wicked, of rescuing the tempted, are various, and more or less effective. Some of the towns are very well protected through faithful enforcement of the prohibitory law. Temperance associations are numerous, and under adapted forms enlist the influence of different classes of society for the confirmation of virtue and the healing of moral disease. Quite favorable mention is often made of the Good Templars. In one town, Cambridge, they have two societies which have held weekly meetings, one for four or five, and the other for twelve years. Here, as elsewhere, some of the best men and women of the community are active members, and many inebriates have been reclaimed.

The Murphy movement has been a notable one, and in some places has seemed to make a clean sweep of the visible mischief from communities long frustrated in their endeavors to abate the evil.

The Reform Clubs are numerous, and have done earnest and useful service.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union lays strong claims to our regard, for the high Christian tone manifested, and for true

female zeal and persistency in correcting errors and faults in the church and in social life which tend to perpetuate this great wrong.

One town, Fairhaven, refers to six months earnest praying and working of the women, followed by Murphy meetings, at which five or six hundred took the pledge. Some of them had been hard drinkers; others were of that influential class often too reluctant to give the example of their pledges, though able to turn the scale of moral power for good upon the popular sentiment and practice.

A Christian aspect seems to have been given to nearly all these movements, and we have no doubt the most effective forces in them, and for the most genuine and lasting good, are inspired by the Gospel spirit therein enlisted. Not a few are working in harmony with the noble motto announced by a popular temperance leader: — "Make the world's Redeemer the centre of all you do, and victory is certain." While these various associations have their proper place and mission, probably in the long run the best of all temperance organizations is an exemplary and faithful Christian church. We believe this to be the ideal of many of our Vermont communities. They seek that their church membership shall be not only personally free from this vice, but of unequivocally decided influence against all forms of the evil. From some communion tables the intoxicating styles of wine are carefully excluded for the sake of those who might there revive the deadly appetite. One report speaks of the special presentation from the pulpit of this subject; and in one place of more than one hundred names given to the pledge, a list of which is posted in the chapel as a standing witness to others. Another prominent church makes no special effort, holding the Gospel to be the best antidote for intemperance. One of the older churches in the Connecticut valley, long under one pastor, reports no intoxicating liquor sold, but one or two drinking men in the parish; profaneness uncommon, and the Sabbath kept as a holy day. An equally significant fact is the rejoicing of one of the youngest of our churches in that since its organization the morals of the town have wonderfully improved. The revivals of religion in Rutland and elsewhere have been succeeded by equal revivals on the subject of Temperance. And we believe instances can be named in which final submission to Christ on the part of individuals has been followed by the instant departure of an appetite which had long enslaved and seriously threatened the entire destruction of body and soul.

Every new chapter in the history of the State, furnished by an added year, brings testimony deepening the conviction that the religion of Jesus Christ is the strongest safeguard of public morality; that the more genuine the work of the Spirit in men's hearts

the better are they fortified against the temptations which beset their lives, while the more obediently the law of Christ is generally received and its practical power confessed, the more shall we see of justice and honor in civil legislation, virtue and peace in domestic life, and truth, purity and kindness in all the social relations.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS

of the State were the original sources of delegation, by which the General Convention was constituted, and still equally with the Conferences furnish the enrolled membership.

The essential value of this element to a pure, well-balanced and efficient Congregational organization need not be questioned. It affords some protection to our pulpits from irresponsible and unqualified preachers, it secures the honorable recognition and valuable co-operation of many excellent ministers who from age or other reasons do not have pastoral charge of churches, and the regular meetings, when well sustained, are occasions of mental improvement and spiritual quickening to the members. We desire to see every true minister holding responsible connection with some one Association, but know of no good reason for nominal membership in two or three at the same time. We have commenced again printing the rolls of Associations in our Minutes, and hope to make them full and accurate the present year.

THE CONFERENCES.

As we enter Addison county the moral field appears fresh and green from the recent frequent showers of heavenly grace. Religious interest is deepening from year to year, revivals not infrequent, and there is disappointment if a twelvemonth passes without them. The fruits of righteousness also appear. Searching inquiry is made concerning the lives of the professed followers of Christ, and there is a quickening of conscience as to church discipline. With new grace in the heart more work is sought for the hands, the Bible is distributed and taught in outlying districts, and charities are dispensed with some liberality. Nearly $5000 are reported from this Conference for the statistical year of 1877.

Of Chittenden county we have not so clear a view, as fewer data are furnished. We get cheering glances of the two specially revived towns previously named. In passing, we notice a remodelled house of worship at Jericho Centre, a fine parsonage for the 1st church in Burlington, and catch a no uncertain sound from

the new bell and clock in the College street church tower. In a neighboring parish we observe that the people are searching the Bible, not the newspapers only, to settle some present questions of disputed doctrine. These seventeen churches report 1650 members, 121 by profession and letter in 1877. But we get less than $2,200 benevolent contributions from this Conference, unless, as we suspect, they disburse their charities with the right hand and keep the account with the left.

All but two of the twelve churches of Franklin and Grand Isle Conference enjoy ministerial services, and their appreciation of the Gospel is demonstrated in some cases by self-denying effort in sustaining the ordinances. A marked example of this is revealed in the building of the parsonage at Alburgh. In some parishes religion is so vital an element in the structure of society that they would not think it living at all if without religious privilege and Christian service.

Lamoille Conference is without a single settled pastor, but is at the present time enjoying ministerial service in most of the churches of the county.

In Orleans county there are evidences of much faithful work, with expectation of fruit in due time. The church edifice at Newport has been enlarged and beautified, and under the beautiful financial and Christian arrangement of no debt. Their schools are earnestly and successfully maintained, that at Derby being named as of special excellence.

Of the three or four churches which lift up the standards in Essex county, we have confidence that though few, they are faithful, and we trust they may yet see the wilderness bud and blossom.

A gratifying view is presented by Caledonia Conference. The principal towns have each one or more Congregational churches, each church a minister, eight of these settled pastors. Good report is made of the Sabbath Schools, which have nearly 2,500 members, with an average attendance of sixteen hundred. The contributions from this county, approaching $13,000, are, as usual, larger than from any other Conference. Nor let it be said that these are only the donations of a few rich in substance as well as in good works. It is a cheering fact that no inconsiderable amounts are raised from the aggregates of poor men's dollars, the dimes of the women, and the children's pennies. These furnish much of our "sinews of war" upon heathendom. One of the feebler churches of this Conference, while weakened by severe financial losses, yet makes regular contributions to all the recognized Congregational charities. The meeting house at Cabot has been greatly improved at an expense of $1,500, and St. Johnsbury (North) is building a new and more substantial edifice.

As we enter Washington Conference, last year's plaint of bereavement gives place to cheerful greetings from every church. Seven pastors and four acting pastors now supply all the pulpits. May the mantle of ascended prophets fall, and a double portion of their spirit be given to those who are set to declare the whole counsel of God and to watch for souls. We feel a sympathetic relief in hearing that an old burdensome debt has been lifted from the shoulders at Barre, while there is an increase of their charities, and do not wonder that the sons and daughters of this ancient church were glad to come home to a New Year's observance and church festival.

The showers of Divine grace which had fallen in previous years upon Orange county evidently penetrated to the roots of Christian life and church enterprise. Their twenty living churches have been brought into good working condition, the ordinances are well sustained, each has had preaching for at least six months of the year, and, for these times, there is a good measure of permanency with the Congregational ministry.

Windsor Conference presents us the longest list of churches, twenty-four in all, two of which made no report. Some have strength and several are quite feeble, yet almost everywhere we witness religious activities, which demonstrate a cheerful living to God and for the world's welfare. An unusual number of blanks appear in the column of ministerial supplies. This blank in the case of Royalton is one of silent eloquence. Forty years ago last autumn this church entered into a pastoral relation which was so wisely formed, so faithfully sustained, and so happily enjoyed, that only the death of the beloved and revered shepherd could cause the tie to be unloosed on earth. Will there not be some reunion in heaven?

A similar general condition of affairs exists in Windham Conference. While the long continued spiritual dearth in the churches is repeatedly mentioned with regret, yet these weeping seed sowers may justly be encouraged to perseverance and faith in the good hope of yet becoming joyful reapers. Several pulpits here are vacant; one pastoral relation has been dissolved and one constituted. The oldest pastorate in eastern Vermont is now in this county.

Bennington county has participated in recent revivals, in the temperance reformation, and in the regular ministrations of the Word in nearly all the churches. Manchester has remained pastorless for a full year since their sore bereavement, but even there the functions of church life and work have been discharged in a manner and degree indicating spiritual health.

We come back now to a field which God has blessed, and in

this, our eighty-third annual Convention, we offer our personal congratulations and mingle our praises with our sister churches of Rutland Conference. We find here a well organized, well manned company of Congregational churches, seventeen in number, holding influential positions in all the principal towns in the county. These are living and working Christian communities, each working in its own field, and yet ready, in case of need, to work with and for each other. Previous discipline and practice had prepared them to heed the call for the movements of the past season—they have conducted a good warfare and been granted some signal success.

Almost one half of the enlistments under the banner of Jesus, by profession of faith, during the past Convention year, have been made in this favored county, i. e. 233 out of 488 professions, so far as reported.

There were 2,177 members on the 1st of January, and 2,308 in the schools. They report $3,424 of benevolent contributions.

And we will here mention that the whole sum for the State is $42,546.21, a falling off from last year's footing of this column.

But with many churches the reduction is not greater than their diminished pecuniary ability, and if we were permitted to add the generous and timely donations made at Providence last fall by members of our churches, for the extinguishing of the debt of the American Board of $48,000, one quarter of which is said to have been made by Vermont, then the sum total would swell even beyond any former years. We would not attempt, it would not be just or safe to measure the Christian liberality of churches or individuals by the comparison of dollars only as bestowed at different times and places; the real value of the grace of giving depends much upon the self-denial involved in its exercise, and at times also upon the discernment and timely action by which an imperilled cause is rescued, and a great gospel enterprise is enabled to move on unimpeded in its beneficent career.

We thankfully acknowledge that kindly ordering of our steps which brings us together this year in this central town, and to accept the generous Christian hospitality of a church in some respects the most favored in our State. We find ourselves within the consecrated walls of a building in which have been heard in the past six months, the first vows of a lifelong allegiance to our King, from numbers sufficient to constitute a more than average Congregational church. A most cheering illustration of the steady and often rapid growth of the commonwealth of Israel is here presented to our view. Here we may feel the pulses of a strong-hearted church, and trust that the quickening life currents will be felt even to the remoter parts of our Vermont Zion. We came

here not merely for outward courtesies and the hospitalities of delightful Christian homes, but also for new stimulus of working faith and zeal, for new lessons of practical wisdom in our service for Christ. As we contemplate different sections of the general field of action, there may seem, here and there, to be checks and reverses in the blessed enterprise, and yet do we not see that it is steadily gaining on the whole? Have we not proofs enough of the victorious power as well as just supremacy of our Divine Leader, and have we not such stimulus from the witnessed order and courage and steady progress of His genuine followers, that we too must keep step with others in the march, with firmer tread, pressing on to share in the joy of the final complete triumphs of our King. Clouds and storms may alternate with our sunshine, but our times are never as dark as they were to the Hebrew captives in the land of the Chaldeans. We are vastly nearer the full consummation of God's glorious designs for our world, nearer the full realization of what pious kings desired, and inspired seers beheld of the distant future. That Jesus has actually taken the kingdom and shall reign over all, we today see more clearly and have better assurance than did even the grand old prophet who stood before, and ever superior to, the monarchs of Babylon. "I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

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OBITUARY NOTICES.

Rev. THOMAS BALDWIN, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Baldwin, was born in Cavendish, Vt., Sept. 30, 1797. His education was wholly at the district schools during his minority. At his conversion the ministry seemed desirable to him, but want of education prevented him from attempting it. He accordingly married and settled on a farm in Plymouth, Vt., for about twelve years. About 1833 he was moved by an urgent appeal, through the Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, for earnest Christian men to enter the ministry by a short course of preparation, to supply the alarming destitution among the feebler churches of the State. Making the matter a subject of special prayer, at length, with the encouragement of his pastor and neighboring ministers, in Jan. 1834, he began a course of theological study under the direction of Rev. Uzziah C. Burnap, of Chester, continuing the same with Rev. Justin Parsons, of Weston. May 5, 1835, he was licensed to preach by the Black River Association, and immediately commenced labor with the church in Peru, over which he was ordained and installed June 15, 1836, Rev. U. C. Burnap preaching the sermon. After laboring there nearly ten years, during which an extensive revival was enjoyed, he was compelled to relinquish his charge on account of failing health, but was not formally dismissed until the installation of his successor in July 1849. Meantime after a brief respite from preaching, in June 1845, he began to supply the church in Plymouth, and continued until Sept. 1851. He then spent a year and a half in San Antonia, Texas; after which, returning to Plymouth, he was again acting pastor there from May 1853 to Jan. 1858. He then supplied the church in Lowell, Vt., 1858–61, and again at Plymouth, 1862–73, and at South Wardsboro, 1874. After this he ceased preaching regularly on account of age, and resided at Plymouth. He was married Jan. 20, 1823, to Miss Abigail Pollard, of Plymouth, by whom he had six children, and who died very suddenly at their residence, May 2, 1876, at the age of 70 years. Mr. Baldwin then found a home with his children, and died at Clarksburgh, West Virginia, May 1878, his funeral being attended at Ludlow, Vt., May 29th.

Rev. WILLARD CHILD, D. D., son of Willard and Silvia (Child) Child, was born at Woodstock, Ct., Nov. 14, 1796. He was graduated at Yale College 1817, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1820. After leaving the Seminary he was principal of an Academy at Blue Hill, Me., three years, and was then licensed to preach. At the expiration of three years, he returned to Connecticut, and preached in various places in the vicinity of his native town, receiving a call to settle in Lebanon, which he declined. In July 1825, he was invited to preach in Benson, Vt., and continued there until December of the following year. He was then invited to Pittsford, where he was ordained and installed over the Congregational church, April 25, 1827, Rev. Joshua Bates, D. D., of Middlebury College, preaching the sermon. He was dismissed Sept. 8, 1841. He then supplied the church in North Woodstock, Ct., one year, when he was called to the pastorate of the Broadway church, Norwich, Ct., then just organized, and was installed Oct. 1842, sermon by Rev. Mark Tucker, D. D. Here he continued till Oct. 1845, when receiving a call to the First church, Lowell, Mass., he resigned at Norwich, and was immediately installed at the latter place, Rev. Parsons Cook, D. D., preaching the sermon. From this pastorate he was dismissed in Feb., 1855, and was installed, 14th of the same month, at Castleton, Vt., Rev. Charles Walker, D. D., preaching the sermon. He was dismissed March 2, 1864, after which he removed his residence to Worcester, Mass., and supplied one of the churches there, and the church at North Brookfield, each for a short period. In Aug. 1866, he became acting pastor of the Congregational church at Crown Point, N. Y., where he continued until 1873, and then ceased ministerial labor.

He died Nov. 13, 1877, at the residence of his son at Mooer's Junction, N. Y., lacking only one day of having completed his 81st year, and his funeral was attended on the 16th, at Pittsford, among the people of his first charge.

Mr. Child was a member of the corporation of Middlebury College. 1831–42, and again from 1855 until he left the State. He received the honorary degree of D. D. in 1848 from the University of Vermont. His wife was Katherine Griswold Kent, daughter of Rev. Dan Kent of Benson, by whom he had six children, and who died at Lowell, Mass., Feb. 26, 1851.

Of Dr. Child's decided superiority as a preacher, the following competent testimony has been given. "His manner was impressive. His statements were clear and emphatic. His deep, powerful voice, well under control, threw into prominence the important words and phrases so easily and naturally, that even children could catch and remember the important points. His

earnestness of manner carried the conviction that he was seriously, solemnly doing a work to which his duty called him. His manifest kindness and good will, evidenced by the subjects he chose, as well as by his manner, won the good will of all his hearers in response." "His teaching was important, healthful, pertinent, presented in beautiful language, enforced by happy illustration. He probably never preached a poor sermon. His mind was full, his heart was warmly in earnest in religious work, and his sermons flowed forth from his brain like water from a mountain spring." "For more than fifty years he was a favorite preacher wherever he was known, at one period he was regarded as the very first in this State, and till he was eighty years of age he was acceptable in the pulpit, and that for the real excellence of his work."

Rev. JAMES DOUGHERTY, D. D., was born near Fairmount, Down County, in the north of Ireland, April 9, 1796. His parents were devoted Catholics, and he was reared in a conscientious regard of that faith; but as he grew to years, he felt a want unsupplied. Having heard from the Scotch Presbyterians the doctrine of salvation by faith, "That," said he, "is what I want; that I can do, I can believe." He was converted while yet in connection with the church of his parents, and did not change his relation till after removing to this country, at the age of twenty-three.

Moving to Vermont, he fitted for college under Rev. Father Lyon of South Hero, graduated with honor from Vermont University in 1830, studied theology with Father Lyon and others, and was subsequently ordained as an evangelist, laboring in Canada under the Colonial Missionary Society. He was installed pastor of the Congregational church in Milton, Vt. in 1835, and in 1851 pastor of the church in Johnson, which position he held a little more than sixteen years.

Dr. Dougherty was a preacher of rare and singularly attractive gifts. He had remarkable originality of thought and expression, was earnest, thoughtful and pungent, and his burning Irish eloquence often stirred to the quick the hearts of his hearers. He distinguished himself on the occasion of receiving his Master's Degree in 1833, when he chose for his subject "The Wrongs of Ireland," and especially in the annual sermon before the General Convention held in Rutland seventeen years ago. From his Alma Mater he received with unanimity and spontaneity on the part of the corporation the honorary degree of D. D.

He was a man of universal sympathies, and he also had the very finest poetic sensibilities. He had many poems almost by heart, among which were Young's Night Thoughts, but Burns

was his most familiar friend. He had in him a fine vein of humor and was remarkable for his social gifts and conversational powers.

He was twice married, first to Miss Celia Hall of Grand Isle, in 1832. Of his two daughters by this marriage but one survives him. He was married to Mrs. Mary Hoxie Drake in 1837, who, with her two daughters, also survives him.

CYRUS BRYANT DRAKE was the seventh of the nine children of Dea. Asaph Drake and Louisa Belding, and was born in Weybridge, Vt., August 18, 1812. His father was born in Easton, Mass., and his mother in Swanzey, N. H. He was named for an uncle of William Cullen Bryant. The Drake and Bryant families were both from Easton, and very intimate.

The care of pious parents, healthful associations, and a peculiarly happy natural disposition of mind, combined to make him a youth of excellent character. At the age of seventeen he went to Middlebury Academy to fit for college under the late Prof. Edwin Hall. There he became a Christian and decided to study for the ministry. He entered college at eighteen, and was graduated in the class of 1834. While in college he was for a time Superintendent of the S. School in Weybridge, and taught in the public schools winters. In his Senior year, he partially engaged to teach in the Academy at Royalton, but decided to go to the Seminary directly on leaving college. He was graduated at Andover in 1837. He came to Royalton to preach in his last Seminary vacation in April, 1837. He was called to become pastor of the church in May, and was ordained and installed Oct. 12, of the same year.

In 1846 he asked for a dismission on account of a bronchial affection. The Council refused to dismiss, and advised rest. For nine months he acted as Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society. In 1855 he was obliged to rest four months; again soon after for two years. In 1862 and in 1871 he resigned but each time his people refused to let him go. From 1872 he continued to preach until his death, which occurred April 21, 1878, after a short illness, from pneumonia. He preached his last sermon on the 14th, just forty-one years after his first in Royalton. He was married Oct. 6, 1840, to Louisa M., daughter of General Frederick Smith of Strafford, who died Nov. 6, 1870, at the age of 55. One daughter, an only child, survives.

Dr. Drake was an influential member of the General Convention of our churches, having been Preacher and Moderator, and upon many of its most important committees. He was a wise counsellor in the Board of Trustees of Middlebury College, from which he received his degree of Doctor of Divinity; a member of

the last Constitutional Convention; and of the Legislature of 1870. But he gave his best work to his own church and town, where he was beloved as few pastors and citizens are.

He had a clear and candid mind well stored with the fruits of diligent study, wide observation of affairs and long experience. He was manly, yet very modest in his bearing; sympathetic, yet discriminating and faithful in his counsels. Few men combined in so great a degree as he, great fidelity, large charity and a manner of almost faultless simplicity and kindness.

Dr. Drake was a good theologian, a clear and convincing preacher with persuasive manner, and a wise pastor. His preaching was Biblical in a high degree, and discriminating in its proportions. He held up Christ crucified, but did not forget the sanctions of the Law and the Gospel, and was earnest in his teaching of righteousness. He welcomed new things that proved good in his judgment, but loved the old and tried. He loved the churches of Vermont, and was ever studying how to conserve the good already achieved in them, while he eagerly sought for better things to come. His early ministry and that of his last years were blessed with great revivals.

A little property left him a few years ago by relatives, was prudently invested, and at his death largely given to benevolent uses. At the centennial of the church and fortieth anniversary of his settlement, he gave a thousand dollars to a Fund for the Church in Royalton.

At his death, Dr. Drake was the oldest pastor in time of service in the State.

Rev. SAMUEL READ HALL, L. L. D., son of Rev. Samuel R[illegible] and Elizabeth (Hall) Hall, was born in Croydon, N. H., Oct. 27, 1795. He died at his home in Brownington, Vt., on Sunday, Jun[illegible] 24, 1877, in the eighty-second year of his age.

His early advantages for education, were very limited, a[illegible] during his entire youth he suffered much from feeble health. [illegible] the age of twenty he began to teach, in which profession he aft[illegible] wards became eminent, and pursued a full course of classical stu[illegible] at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H., but was preven[illegible] from taking a collegiate course. He studied theology with R[illegible] Walter Chapin of Woodstock, and Rev. William Eaton of Fit[illegible] burg, Mass., and was licensed to preach by the Worcester No[illegible] Association at Princeton, Mass., in May, 1822.

Appointed to labor as a missionary at Concord, Vt., he commenced preaching there, June 2, 1822, and was ordained pastor of the Congregational church, March 2, 1823, Rev. Walter Chapin preaching the ordination sermon. While at Concord, Mr. Hall

was instrumental in the organization of the church of Granby and Victory. In June, 1830, he was dismissed from Concord to take charge of the English Normal School of Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. After ten years of effective educational service he resumed labor in the ministry, and was installed over the church in Craftsbury, July 8, 1840, Rev. James Johnson, of Irasburgh, preaching the sermon. Dismissed Jan. 4, 1854, he commenced the following Sabbath at Brownington, and was there installed March 7, 1855. He was dismissed Feb. 5, 1867. During the last ten years of his life he performed little ministerial service aside from the supply for two years (1872-4) of the church in Granby and Victory, where also in 1875 he preached a discourse at the semi-centennial of a church he himself had organized.

But beside the devotion of so many laborious and fruitful years to the fulfillment of the ministry of the Word, Mr. Hall early heeded and happily discharged another vocation to which he seems to have been called by the Great Teacher. Perhaps to no other man is more honor due for the timely and beneficent movement made in the half century past for higher standards of qualification in the teachers of our public schools, and to provide adequate means for normal instruction. In undertaking his first pastoral work, in a missionary field, he made it a condition, that he should be allowed to establish a seminary in the place as a means of elevating the character of teachers, and advancing the usefulness of schools. And to Mr. Hall, and to this little town in an obscure corner of New England, belongs the credit of the first normal school in America. So marked and happy were the results of this effort that after a few years he was called to occupy a more central location, and to exercise a wider influence in behalf of this great interest. For seven years he had charge of the English Normal School of Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and when that place proved unfavorable to his health, he went to Plymouth, N. H. and for three years served as principal of a teachers' seminary there established.

In the course of his life Mr. Hall rendered many and valuable services to practical science and Christian education. While at Concord he delivered and published his lectures on School Keeping, of which there were two editions, one of ten thousand copies being distributed to the schools of the State of New York. His Geography and History of Vermont, has long been a standard text book in the schools of this State. Several other practical works and numerous contributions to the educational magazines came from his pen.

In the science of Geology he was an enthusiast and an acknowledged master. He had special charge of the geological survey of

Vermont in several of the northern counties, and much of the value of the published official report is due to him.

He received the honorary degree of A. M. in 1839, from Dartmouth College, and the degree of L. L. D. in 1865, from the University of Vermont.

He was married, first, June 17, 1823, to Miss Mary Dascomb of Wilton, N. H., by whom he had five children, and who died November 1838; second, June 3, 1838, to Miss Mary Holt, daughter of Dea. Solomon Holt, of Andover, Mass., by whom he had three children, and who survived him. Of his children, only a daughter by his first marriage, and a son by his second, are now living.

Rev. HERVEY O. HIGLEY was born in Castleton, Vt., July 14, 1801. His parents were Erastus and Esther Ann (Guernsey) Higley, and his ancestry in this country is traced to John Higley, who married a daughter of Elder Brewster of the Mayflower. He fitted for college at the Rutland County Grammar School in his native town, and was graduated at Middlebury College 1825, and at Andover Theological Seminary, 1829. He was licensed to preach at Pepperell, Mass., in June 1829, by the Andover Association; and ordained to the ministry, with several others, at Boston, Sept. 24th of the same year, by the Newburyport Presbytery, Rev. Daniel Dana, D. D., of Newburyport, preaching the sermon. He entered at once upon Home Missionary labor at the west, preaching one year at Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio, and about five years at Hartford, Licking County in the same State. He then returned to his father's farm at Castleton, where he remained upwards of forty years, and with the exception of an occasional supply of vacant pulpits during the earlier part of that period, ceased to preach.

He was married Sept. 29, 1829, to Miss Sarah Gerrish Little of West Boscawen, N. H. Rev. Henry P. Higley, of Beloit, Wis., and Prof. E. H. Higley, of Middlebury College, are his sons. He was for many years a Deacon in the Congregational church at Castleton, and a Trustee of Castleton Seminary. His death occurred at Castleton, April 4, 1878, at the age of 76 years, months, and 20 days.

Rev. SILAS MCKEEN, tenth child of David and Margaret (McPherson) McKeen, was born in Corinth, March 16th, 1791. His educational advantages were limited. After leaving the district school he, unaided, commenced the study of Latin and the higher Mathematics. He continued his studies with Rev. Wm. Pickles of Corinth, and at Haverhill, N. H. Academy, until prepared to enter college two years in advance. During a severe

sickness in the summer of 1812, he consecrated himself to the service of Christ. The following spring he commenced the study of theology with Rev. Stephen Fuller of Vershire. He was licensed to preach at Windsor, by the Orange Association, July 14, 1814. On the second Sabbath following, he commenced his ministry in Bradford, where he was ordained and installed pastor, Oct. 28, 1815. He was dismissed Oct. 29, 1827, but in less than three months, Jan. 17, 1828, was re-installed. He was the second time dismissed Dec. 31, 1832, that he might accept a call from the Congregational church in Belfast, Me. He was there installed pastor, Feb. 27, 1833, and dismissed Nov. 16, 1841. He was the third time installed over the church in Bradford May 25, 1842, and continued in that relation till Nov. 22, 1866. For the next six years he supplied the church at Fairlee on alternate Sabbaths. He died, after a short illness, Dec. 10, 1877, aged eighty-six years, eight months and twenty-four days.

He was married June 4, 1816, to Miss Phebe Fuller, daughter of Rev. Stephen Fuller of Vershire. She died Nov. 30, 1820, leaving three daughters, none of whom now survive. He was again married June 13, 1821, to Miss Hannah Johnston, daughter of Capt. M. Johnston of Haverhill, N. H. She was thrown from a carriage and killed, Dec. 28, 1848, leaving one son and three daughters. Two of the daughters now survive. He was again married April 30, 1851, to Miss Sarah Parmelee, daughter of Jonathan Parmelee of Guilford, Ct., who still survives.

Dr. McKeen early espoused the cause of the enslaved in our land, and often held sharp controversies with those who defended the institution of slavery. He engaged heartily in temperance work, and manifested a deep interest in education. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Dartmouth College. But his life was consecrated to the work of saving souls. His ministry was frequently blessed with revivals.

As a man Dr. McKeen was especially noted for his promptness, diligence, perseverance, decision and steadfastness of character, and for his tender sympathy and warm affection. As a Christian minister he was thoroughly evangelical, earnest and zealous. Many of those now living in the flesh, and many who have entered upon that blessed life beyond, will always remember him as God's chosen instrument in leading them to Jesus.

Rev. STEPHEN SARGENT MORRILL, son of Dea. Asa and Sally (Sargent) Morrill, was born in Danville, Vt., Dec. 24, 1831. He was of a refined and sensitive temperament, and under the influences of a Christian home his youth developed singularly free from temptations and vicious habits. At the age of nineteen he

united with the Congregational church in his native town, then under the ministry of the Rev. John Dudley. He early developed a taste for books and study rather than for the labor of the farm, and, though with prospect of little pecuniary aid, determined to fit himself for professional life. His preparatory studies were pursued at Danville and St. Johnsbury Academies, and, at the age of twenty, he entered Dartmouth College, where he was graduated in 1855. After his graduation he was Principal of the Caledonia County Grammar School at Peacham one year, and it was there that his decision was made to enter the ministry. In 1856 he accordingly entered the Theological Seminary at Andover, and remained two years, completing his course at the Chicago Seminary in 1859. Before leaving the Seminary he preached a few Sabbaths at Malden, Ill., and receiving a call to settle, was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational church, May 12, 1859, sermon by Rev. J. Blanchard of Galesburg. In 1862 he left his pastorate to become Hospital Chaplain U. S. A. at Mound City, Ill., though not formally dismissed till 1864. He served as Chaplain three years, when he returned to New England, and was acting pastor of the church at Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., 1866–69. He then began to preach at Henniker, N. H., and was there installed Sept. 1, 1870, Rev. F. D. Ayer of Concord preaching the sermon. Here his ministry was blessed with a revival, but a bronchial difficulty soon compelled him to suspend his labors. His people reluctantly yielded, and he was dismissed Aug. 18, 1873. He then spent a few months in business in Boston, after which, with improving health and a rare devotion to his chosen work, he returned to the pulpit, determined to preach as long as he was able. He was acting pastor at Harvard, Ms., 1874–77, and in August of the latter year removed with his family to Amherst for the education of his children, a son having entered college. Immediately he was here called to experience a severe affliction, in the death of a promising child of nine years, which for a time almost prostrated him. In December, however, he returned by invitation, to supply the church in his native town during the temporary absence of the pastor, and after preaching three or four months with great acceptance, was prostrated by disease, and died May 2d, 1878, among his friends and the scenes of his childhood, and was buried in the old family burying ground, near the spot of his birth. He was married July 28, 1859, to Miss Ellen Batchelder of Loudon, N. H., who, with two children, a son and a daughter, survives to mourn his loss.

Mr. Morrill was a man of scholarly tastes and discrimination, a sound thinker, a very acceptable preacher, and a faithful pastor, winning by his sensitiveness and tact the increasing esteem of all who knew him.

Rev. AARON GAYLORD PEASE, son of Salmon and Matilda Pease, was born in Canaan, Ct., Feb. 22, 1811. At the age of fourteen he removed with his father's family to Charlotte, Vt., which was afterwards his home. He was graduated at the University of Vermont 1837, and at the Theological Seminary, Andover, Mass., 1841. In Nov. 1841, he preached two Sabbaths by invitation to the Congregational church in Pittsford, and returned in March following under an engagement for continuous service. He soon received and accepted a call to the pastorate, and was ordained and installed June 22, 1842, sermon by Rev. John Wheeler, D. D. He was dismissed Oct. 1845. He then supplied the church at Poultney one year, and at Royalton six months, when he became acting pastor at Waterbury, and after two years was there installed Sept. 6, 1849, Rev. Worthington Smith, D. D. preaching the sermon. He was dismissed Jan. 26, 1853, and then visited the West by invitation preaching a short time at Rockford and Quincy, Ill. Returning to Vermont he was installed over the church at Norwich, Jan 3, 1855, sermon by Rev. Calvin Pease, D. D., and dismissed, on account of failure of health, April 15, 1857. He then opened a family boarding school for boys at Norwich, which however he was compelled reluctantly to abandon after two years on account of his enfeebled physical condition. He then gave himself only to such labor, literary and otherwise, as he was able to perform, until in 1864 he was chosen to represent the town of Norwich in the State Legislature, and again in 1865. Here his attention was earnestly directed to the prison system of the State, especially the reform of juvenile offenders, and as chairman of a special committee of the House he was the originator of the bill which established the Vt. Reform School at Waterbury in 1866, of which school he was also appointed the first Superintendent. He remained in this position until June 15, 1869, when he was compelled by bodily infirmity to resign. He then removed to Rutland, where he lived in retirement and study until his death, which took place Aug. 7, 1877, at the age of 66 years, 5 months, and 15 days.

The labor of his last years is comprised in a volume entitled "Philosophy of Trinitarian Doctrine," and published in 1875, besides which he also left considerable unpublished manuscript.

He was married, Oct. 15, 1842, to Miss Anne Page of Rutland, who, with six children, survives him.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR ENDS THE FIRST SABBATH IN JANUARY.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. HOOKER.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Families.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Addison,	1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridport,	1790	W. W. Winchester,	P.	1854	1866	66	111	177	47	6	2	8	1	1	2	4	5	0	350	200	225	$75 00	$133 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	$58 72	$267 22
Bristol,	1805	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	15	19	34	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5 00	120 00	.....	$5 00	.....	.....	15 00	145 00
Cornwall,	1785	S. W. Magill,	P.	1836	1857	54	103	157	32	1	1	2	4	1	0	5	1	0	240	85	150	.....	.....	$43 30	.....	.....	.....	20 00	63 30
Ferrisburgh,	1824	L. Phelps,	Sup.	....	1877	14	27	41	5	6	0	6	2	1	0	3	6	0	75	30	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middlebury,	1790	E. P. Hooker,	P.	1851	1870	148	246	394	69	3	4	7	7	10	0	17	2	3	244	232	311	671 07	561 04	35 27	17 77	$7 26	1553 14	2845 55
New Haven,	1797	S. Knowlton,	P.	1865	1872	102	188	290	43	20	1	21	5	4	0	9	13	3	285	125	187	178 36	429 27	47 00	31 38	23 25	68 64	777 90
Orwell,	1789	M. L. Severance,	P.	1864	1869	75	112	187	37	15	2	17	2	2	0	4	11	1	278	112	150	100 25	150 41	19 00	.....	.....	10 25	279 91
Ripton,	1828	Cephas H. Kent,	P.	1828	1861	26	35	61	16	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	28	50	30 00	27 00	21 56	20 00	22 50	.....	121 06
Salisbury,	1804	H. Van Dear,	A. P.	1876	1877	21	40	61	15	1	0	1	2	3	0	5	1	0	134	64	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shoreham,	1784	W. N. Bacon,	P.	1859	1864	32	83	115	12	10	1	11	1	0	0	1	6	0	70	51	125	22 00	92 00	.....	.....	.....	50 70	164 70
Vergennes,	1793	George E. Hall,	P.	1875	1877	77	146	223	30	1	2	3	1	5	0	6	0	1	157	80	175	10 00	50 00	16 70	.....	.....	100 00	176 70
Weybridge,	1794	C. B. Hulbert,	A. P.	1859	1876	32	54	86	13	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	100	31	75	.....	.....	68 08	.....	.....	10 00	78 08
Whiting,	1809	G. A. Flower,	A. P.	....	1877	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	25	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Ministers without Charge—Eben Smith, Middlebury; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Ordained—As an Evangelist, at Shoreham. Oct. 30, 1877, F. H. Smith.

Licentiates—Prof. Solon Albee, Prof. Ezra Brainerd, Prof. D. McGregor Means, Middlebury; Lawrence Phelps, Ferrisburgh.

Register of Conference—E. P. Hooker. *Time of Meeting of Conference*—Third Tuesday in December.

2. BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. L. C. PARTRIDGE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.			Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Arlington East	1843	J. C. McCollom,	A. P.	1869	1873	10	38	48	6	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	0	0	65	60	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennington 1st	1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	1843	1853	58	116	171	50	9	0	9	3	4	0	7	5	2	197	....	....	$75 00	$180 15	$19 00	.....	.....	$109 10	$383 25
" 2d.	1836	Edward G. Read,	P.	1865	1875	63	177	240	32	26	10	36	1	3	0	4	14	6	284	126	250	105 78	200 00	77 25	$52 50	.....	236 35	671 88
" No.	1868	L. C. Partridge,	A. P.	1860	1875	24	45	69	14	3	5	8	0	5	0	5	0	0	115	50	110	5 78	21 54	.....	.....	.....	217 56	244 89
Dorset,	1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	P.	1847	1856	35	88	123	10	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	175	112	150	58 61	107 25	22 22	.....	.....	20 37	188 45
" East,	1867	S. Gardiner, Meth.	Supp.	....	1877	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manchester,	1784	Vacant.	.....	....	....	89	146	235	13	3	2	5	5	0	0	5	3	0	248	75	202	76 79	144 00	43 57	13 91	.....	92 84	371 11
Peru,	1807	Charles Rockwell,	A. P.	1834	1876	42	62	104	26	4	0	4	1	0	1	2	1	3	200	80	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 44	26 44
Pownal No.,	1851	Vacant.	.....	...	....	5	14	19	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	39	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 75	2 75
Rupert,	1786	A. B. Lambert,	A. P.	1837	1874	21	41	62	8	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	125	60	120	.....	123 60	.....	.....	.....	30 00	153 60
Sandgate,	1798	G.H.Townsend, M.	Supp.	....	1877	6	10	16	0	0	6	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	20	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 11		3 Pas. 4 A. P. 2 Sup.				354	737	1091	168	47	27	74	14	16	1	31	24	12	1597	622	1262	$301 98	$776 53	$162 04	$66 41	.....	$735 43	$2042 37

Ministers without Charge—James Anderson, Joseph D. Wickham, D. D., Manchester; Charles Redfield, East Arlington.

Licentiates—Henry H. Shaw, Saxton's River.

Register of Conference—P. S. Pratt.

Time of Meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday of May.

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Addison,	1801	Vacant.	....	....	....	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridport,	1790	W. W. Winchester,	P.	1854	1866	66	111	177	47	6	2	8	1	1	2	4	5	0	350	200	225	$75 00	$133 50	.....	.....	.....	$58 72	$267 22
Bristol,	1805	Vacant.	....	....	....	15	19	34	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5 00	120 00	.....	$5 00	.....	15 00	145 00
Cornwall,	1785	S. W. Magill,	P.	1836	1847	54	103	157	32	1	1	2	4	1	0	5	1	0	240	85	150	.....	.....	$43 30	.....	.....	20 00	63 30
Ferrisburgh,	1824	L. Phelps,	Sup.	....	1877	14	27	41	5	6	0	6	2	1	0	3	6	0	75	30	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middlebury,	1790	E. P. Hooker,	P.	1861	1870	148	246	394	69	3	4	7	7	10	0	17	2	3	234	232	311	671 07	561 04	35 27	17 77	$7 26	1554 14	2845 55
New Haven,	1797	S. Knowlton,	P.	1865	1872	102	188	290	43	20	1	21	5	4	0	9	13	3	265	125	187	178 36	429 27	47 00	31 38	23 25	68 64	777 90
Orwell,	1789	M. L. Severance,	P.	1864	1869	75	112	187	37	15	2	17	2	2	0	4	11	1	278	112	150	100 25	150 41	19 00	.....	.....	10 25	279 91
Ripton,	1828	Cephas H. Kent,	P.	1828	1861	26	35	61	16	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	28	50	30 00	27 00	21 56	20 00	22 50	.....	121 06
Salisbury,	1804	H. Van Deear,	A. P.	1876	1877	21	40	61	15	1	0	1	2	3	0	5	1	0	134	64	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shoreham,	1784	W. N. Bacon,	P.	1859	1864	32	83	115	12	10	1	11	1	0	0	1	6	0	70	51	125	22 10	92 00	.....	.....	.....	56 70	164 70
Vergennes,	1793	George E. Hall,	P.	1875	1877	77	146	223	30	1	2	3	1	5	0	6	0	1	157	80	175	10 00	50 00	16 70	.....	.....	100 00	176 70
Weybridge,	1794	C. B. Hulbert,	A. P.	1859	1876	32	54	86	13	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	100	31	75	.....	.....	68 06	.....	.....	10 00	78 06
Whiting,	1809	G. A. Flower,	A. P.	....	1877	3	7	10		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	25	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 14		8 P., 3 A. P., 1 Sup.				666	1172	1838	327	63	15	78	32	27	2	61	45	10	2013	1065	1663	$1091 68	$1563 22	$250 89	$74 15	$53 01	$1886 45	$4919 40

Ministers without Charge—Eben Smith, Middlebury; Stillman Morgan, Bristol.

Ordained—As an Evangelist, at Shoreham, Oct. 30, 1877, F. H. Smith.

Licentiates—Prof. Solon Albee, Prof. Ezra Brainerd, Prof. D. McGregor Means, Middlebury; Lawrence Phelps, Ferrisburgh.

Register of Conference—E. P. Hooker. *Time of Meeting of Conference*—Third Tuesday in December.

2. BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. L. C. PARTRIDGE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.			Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Arlington East	1843	J. C. McCollom,	A. P.	1869	1873	10	38	48	6	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	0	0	65	60	80							
Bennington 1st	1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	1843	1853	58	116	171	50	9	0	9	3	4	0	7	5	2	197			$75 00	$180 15	$19 00			$109 10	$383 25
" 2d.	1836	Edward G. Read,	P.	1865	1875	63	177	240	32	26	10	36	1	3	0	4	14	6	284	126	250	106 78	200 00	77 25	$52 50		236 35	671 88
" No.	1868	L. C. Partridge,	A. P.	1869	1875	24	45	69	14	3	5	8	0	5	0	5	0	0	115	50	110	5 78	21 53				217 58	244 89
Dorset,	1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	P.	1847	1856	35	88	123	10	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	175	112	150	88 61	107 25	22 22			20 37	188 45
" East,	1867	S. Gardiner, Meth.	Supp.	....	1877	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40									
Manchester,	1784	Vacant.	.....	....	....	89	146	235	13	3	2	5	3	0	0	3	0	0	248	75	202	76 79	144 00	43 57	13 91		92 84	371 11
Peru,	1807	Charles Rockwell.	A. P.	1854	1876	42	62	104	26	4	0	4	1	0	1	2	1	3	200	80	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 44	26 44
Pownal No.,	1851	Vacant.	.....	....	....	5	14	19	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	39	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 75	2 75
Rupert,	1786	A. B. Lambert,	A. P.	1837	1874	21	41	62	8	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	125	60	120	123 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	153 60
Sandgate,	1798	G.H.Townsend, M.	Supp.	....	1877	6	10	16	0	0	6	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	20	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 11		3 Pas. 4 A. P. 2 Sup.				354	737	1091	168	47	27	74	14	16	1	31	24	12	1597	622	1262	$301 96	$776 53	$162 04	$66 41	.....	$735 43	$2042 37

Ministers without Charge—James Anderson, Joseph D. Wickham, D. D., Manchester; Charles Redfield, East Arlington.

Licentiates—Henry H. Shaw, Saxton's River.

Register of Conference—P. S. Pratt.

Time of Meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday of May.

5. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. CHARLES DUREN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	Average. Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions.						
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All others.	Total Contrib.
Granby & Vic..	1825	Chas. Duren,	A. P.	1841	1874	18	25	43	12	0	1	1	1	7	0	8	0	2	62	39	40	$19 60	$45 00	$11 00	.....	.....	$6 25	$81 85
Guildhall,	1799	J. G. Willis,	A. P.	1876	1876	17	39	56	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	35	65	17 83	31 84	8 83	.....	.....	36 50	95 00
Lunenburgh,	1802	Geo. A. Perkins,	A. P.	1854	1875	29	64	93	27	0	0	0	2	6	0	8	0	0	93	40	87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3		3 A. P.				64	128	192	57	0	1	1	3	13	0	16	0	2	201	114	192	$37 43	$76 84	$19 83	.....	.....	$42 75	$176 85

Ministers without Charge — Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.

Register of Conference — Rev. C. E. Harrington, Lancaster, N. H.

Time of Meeting of Conference — Second Tuesday in June.

4. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. C. TORREY.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Art. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Families.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Burlington 1st,	1805	L. O. Brastow,	P.	1861	1873	193	243	436	50	37	12	49	1	14	0	15	24	2	209	175	375	$120 14	$292 09	$149 89	.....	$10 14	$28 26	$600 52
" 3d,	1860	G. B. Safford,	P.	1858	1860	41	101	142	22	2	6	8	3	8	0	11	1	3	178	75	250	217 22	301 27	20 00	.....	15 00	35 38	588 88
Charlotte,	1792	C. C. Torrey,	P.	1855	1871	35	64	99	5	6	0	6	6	7	1	14	4	1	100	64	150	35 00	40 00	37 00	.....	.....	37 50	149 50
Colchester,	1804	A. S. Barton,	A. P.	1862	1877	9	50	59	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	58	42	87	12 00	18 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 60
" Winooski,	1836	C. W. Thompson,	A. P.	1869	1877	13	48	61	18	2	4	6	2	2	0	4	.....	.....	70	70	112	5 01	5 00	8 61	.....	.....	8 00	21 62
Essex,	1791	John Cowan,	A. P.	1875	1875	29	65	94	28	0	0	0	1	.....	1	2	.....	.....	105	.....	.....	.....	24 00	11 25	.....	.....	30 00	65 25
" Junction,	1869	John Cowan,	A. P.	1875	1876	15	34	49	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	237	.....	.....	11 74	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 74
Hinesburgh,	1789	W. D. Smock,	A. P.	.....	1878	24	66	90	37	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	70	22	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 50
Jericho 1st,	1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	1860	1864	29	53	82	15	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	2	0	228	50	.....	20 00	65 00	5 00	.....	.....	38 30	128 30
" 2d,	1826	J. D. Emerson,	A. P.	1858	1877	15	34	49	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	50	75	128	22 58	43 72	11 00	.....	.....	13 40	90 70
Milton,	1804	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1869	21	45	66	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	179	.....	125	32 35	36 00	.....	.....	.....	32 00	100 35
" West,	1853	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1870	9	15	24	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	25	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	7 00
Richmond,	1801	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	1860	1875	9	29	38	12	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	75	50	85	20 00	12 00	5 00	.....	.....	22 00	59 00
South Hero,	1795	O. G. Wheeler,	P	1840	1840	27	74	101	11	33	0	33	2	2	.....	4	27	.....	55	50	120	60 00	90 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	160 00
Underhill,	1801	J. D. Emerson,	A. P.	1858	1876	37	55	92	20	4	2	6	1	2	0	3	2	0	132	40	.....	17 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 12	35 95
Westford,	1801	Geo. P. Byington,	A. P.	1868	1869	27	75	102	16	2	3	5	2	0	0	2	2	0	.....	70	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williston,	1800	F. W. Olmsted,	A. P.	1848	1877	23	43	66	18	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	.....	.....	55	30	51	34 53	47 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....	99 53
Total, 17		4 Pas., 13 A. P.				556	1094	1650	286	93	28	121	25	44	2	71	66	11	1831	838	1708	$608 41	$979 68	$260 75	.....	$25 14	$281 46	$2155 44

Ministers without Charge—James Buckham, J. K. Converse, J. E. Goodrich, Daniel Goodhue, J. H. Worcester, D. D., H. A. P. Torrey, H. P. Hickok, A. J. Willard, Burlington; J. C. Wilder, Charlotte; C. M. Seaton, Colchester.

Licentiate—M. H. Buckham, D. D., Burlington.

Register of Conference—G. B. Safford.

Time of Meeting of Conference—Second Tuesday in June.

5. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. CHARLES DUREN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb's.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions.						
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All others.	Total Contrib.
Granby & Vic.,	1825	Chas. Duren,	A. P.	1841	1874	18	25	43	12	0	1	1	1	7	0	8	0	2	62	39	40	$19 60	$45 00	$11 00	.....	.....	$6 25	$81 85
Guildhall,	1799	J. G. Willis,	A. P.	1876	1876	17	39	56	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	35	65	17 83	31 84	8 83	.....	.....	36 50	95 00
Lunenburgh,	1802	Geo. A. Perkins,	A. P.	1854	1875	29	64	93	27	0	0	0	2	6	0	8	0	0	93	40	87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3		3 A. P.				64	128	192	57	0	1	1	3	13	0	16	0	2	201	114	192	$37 43	$76 84	$19 83	.....	.....	$42 75	$176 85

Ministers without Charge — Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.

Register of Conference — Rev. C. E. Harrington, Lancaster, N. H.

Time of Meeting of Conference — Second Tuesday in June.

6. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. A. B. SWIFT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions.							
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Alburgh,	1824	R. Hicks,	A. P.	1867	1877	19	64	83	14	12	2	14	4	2	0	6	0	1	144	55	90	.....	$10 00	.....	.....	.....	$20 00	$30 00
Bakersfield,	1811	J. K. Fuller,	A. P.	1876	1877	38	78	116	27	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	97	40	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Berkshire E.,	1820	E. W. Hatch,	P.	1866	1866	37	46	83	12	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	100	21	90	$13 00	10 00	$9 50	.....	.....	.....	32 50
Enosburgh,	1811	A. B. Swift,	A. P.	1855	1861	70	84	154	30	0	0	0	1	3	1	5	0	3	118	37	85	.....	138 50	46 50	$10 00	.....	34 50	228 50
Fairfield,	1800	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	16	24	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	23	18	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 50	42 50
Franklin,	1817	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	17	34	51	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	51	34	75	.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	12 40	15 65
Georgia,	1793	C. W. Clark,	A. P.	1861	878	25	49	74	19	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	69	30	75	.....	13 73	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 73
Highgate,	1811	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	28	40	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery,	1817	E. W. Hatch,	A. P.	1866	1875	15	22	37	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	17	57	7 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	20 00
Sheldon,	1816	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	18	32	50	8	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	70	37	100	7 00	.....	11 11	3 00	.....	14 14	35 25
St. Albans,	1803	C. Van Norden,	P.	1866	1873	137	203	340	25	4	2	6	4	7	0	11	1	2	241	185	300	210 86	194 95	97 49	32 49	.....	594 95	1130 74
Swanton,	1801	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1877	61	103	164	20	0	0	0	...	3	0	3	0	1	195	90	161	92 58	35 15	11 00	.....	.....	53 01	191 74
Total, 12		2 Pastors, 8 A. P.				457	759	1216	168	21	7	28	17	23	1	41	2	11	1168	564	1173	$330 44	$417 58	$175 60	$45 49		$771 50	$1740 61

Ministers without Charge—A. J. Sampson, St. Albans; L. S. French, Franklin.

Register of Conference—Rev. R. Hicks, Alburgh. *Time of Meeting of Conference*—First Wednesday of June.

7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. JOHN G. HALE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions.						
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Cambridge,	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	A. P.	1856	1876	23	45	68	2	6	1	7	3	0	0	3	2	2	115	48	125	.....	$65 00	$192 00	.....	.....	$50 00	$307 00
Hydepark,	1863	Vacant.	.....	....	....	4	17	21	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" North,	1858	Vacant.	.....	....	....	7	8	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnson,	1817	C. A. Huntington,	A. P.	....	1878	47	88	135	28	4	4	8	0	2	0	2	1	2	125	52	135	$14 00	51 00	16 27	.....	$2 50	16 00	99 77
Morrisville,	1807	W. T. Swinnerton,	A. P.	1877	1878	52	75	127	18	6	3	9	2	1	1	4	7	0	145	65	140	22 00	34 64	12 00	.....	.....	.....	68 64
Stowe,	1818	John G. Hale,	A. P.	1852	1877	22	56	78	22	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	1	0	100	60	100	60 13	115 06	44 42	.....	.....	20 00	239 61
Waterville,	1823	Joseph Garland,	A. P.	1848	1877	7	20	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	115	75	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
Wolcott,	1818	James A. Bates,	A. P.	1860	1877	26	44	70	22	0	8	8	3	0	1	4	0	0	111	54	70	.....	26 60	.....	.....	.....	5 00	31 60
Total, 8		6 Acting Pastors.				188	353	541	97	16	16	32	13	8	2	23	11	4	711	354	670	$96 13	$292 30	$264 69	.....	$2 50	$101 00	$756 62

Deceased—James Dougherty, D. D., Johnson, June 10, 1878.

Dismissed—V. M. Hardy, from church in Morrisville, Oct. 24, 1877; G. H. French, from church in Johnson, Dec. 26, 1877.

Register of Conference—Edwin Wheelock. *Time of Meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday in June.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Acting Pastor or Supply	ORDAINED	Present Min. Commenced	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	Sab. Schol.	Families.	Average Congregation	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All others.	Total Contrib.
Bradford,	1810	L. H. Elliott,	A. P.	1866	1873	31	123	154	18	4	2	6	7	4	0	11	2	0	298	160	201	$66 63	$87 39	$39 00	$36 00	.....	$55 48	$284 50
Braintree,	1794	Chas. W. Dealtry,	A. P.	1874	1877	10	19	29	15	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	40	25	70	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Braintree E.,	1871	C. H. Covell,	A. P.	1860	1877	16	45	61	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	125	85	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 00	28 00
Brookfield 1st,	1785	Geo. B. Tolman,	A. P.	1862	1871	34	68	102	9	11	0	11	2	0	0	2	4	4	142	60	100	25 92	51 00	11 42	5 00	.....	13 50	106 84
Brookfield 2d,	1848	Wm. A. Bushee,	P.	1869	1868	59	90	149	12	23	1	24	2	3	0	5	19	2	130	75	125	17 50	46 45	40 60	.....	.....	22 75	127 30
Chelsea,	1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	1864	1870	73	119	192	25	0	3	3	2	2	0	4	0	1	170	202	175	30 00	27 00	28 07	.....	.....	28 75	123 82
Corinth,	1820	Caleb M. Winch,	A. P.	1853	1869	54	109	163	23	11	9	20	4	2	0	6	8	3	249	125	240	14 09	12 35	.....	.....	.....	18 81	45 25
Fairlee,	1833	James Aiken,	A. P.	1843	1876	13	27	40	10	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	85	40	70	15 50	4 50	.....	.....	.....	10 00	30 00
Newbury,	1764	Saml. L. Bates,	P.	1864	1871	50	142	192	31	7	4	11	4	0	0	4	3	6	208	125	240	228 00	226 03	63 82	.....	.....	229 90	747 75
" Wells R.,	1842	E. J. Ranslow,	A. P.	1869	1875	65	136	201	14	5	5	10	2	2	0	4	3	4	250	300	265	42 01	40 00	137 45	26 32	.....	100 00	345 78
Newbury W.	1867	Amzi B. Lyon,	A. P.	1858	1875	15	27	42	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	95	70	75	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Orange,	1876	J. L. Harrington,	A. P.	1876	1877	20	30	50	2	3	1	4	2	0	0	2	3	0	55	25	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Randolph,	1786	Wm. S. Blaisdell,	A. P.	1868	1876	48	69	117	36	32	9	41	5	0	0	5	30	2	152	32	132	.....	48 50	.....	.....	.....	15 00	63 50
Randolph W.	1831	V. M. Hardy,	A. P.	1872	1878	53	82	135	35	1	2	3	1	4	0	5	1	0	132	80	120	10 00	74 06	47 80	7 00	.....	.....	138 86
Strafford,	1820	Henry Cummings,	P.	1851	1874	19	41	60	8	6	0	6	2	1	0	3	5	1	105	70	69	33 35	64 28	15 15	.....	.....	20 85	133 63
Thetford,	1773	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	63	123	186	30	0	2	2	2	8	0	10	6	3	150	61	116	852 00	1022 32	883 00	11 50	6 00	141 18	2916 00
" Post Mills,	1839	J. Caldwell, D.D.,	A. P.	1837	1877	20	39	59	19	1	3	4	4	0	0	4	1	0	86	50	80	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	28 00	53 00
Tunbridge,	1792	Geo. W. Osgood,	P.	1878	1877	16	25	41	6	0	3	3	3	4	0	7	0	0	100	30	70	7 87	6 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 52
West Fairlee,	1809	Solon Martin,	A. P.	1835	1873	28	37	65	18	6	1	7	3	0	0	3	6	0	50	30	65	23 00	.....	28 00	.....	.....	.....	51 00
Vershire,	1787	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	14	32	46	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown,	1795	J. P. Demeritt,	A. P.	1870	1875	34	62	96	5	12	4	16	1	0	1	2	12	0	90	62	90	.....	27 60	6 26	.....	.....	7 30	41 16
Total, 21		5 Pastors, 14 A. P.				735	1445	2180	335	125	50	175	49	31	1	81	160	26	2707	1707	2428	$1390 87	$1763 13	$1305 57	$85 82	$6 00	$729 52	$5280 91

Ministers without Charge — Joseph Marsh, Charles F. Morse, Thetford ; Isaac Hosford, North Thetford ; Joseph Fuller, Vershire ; Samuel W. Dike, West Randolph.

Ordained — George W. Osgood, Jan. 17, 1878. *Deceased* — Silas McKeen, D. D., Dec. 10, 1877.

Dismissed — James L. Harrington, June 30, 1877 ; Samuel W. Dike, Nov. 7, 1877 ; Charles F. Morse, Thetford, Apr. 9, 1878.

Register of Conference — L. H. Elliott. *Time of Meeting of Conference* — First Tuesday in June.

9. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	Average Congrega'on.	Benevolent Contributions.							
						Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Albany,	1818	S. W. Chapin,	A. P.	....	1877	15	21	36	2	3	2	5	1	1	0	2	2	...	100	35	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	$6 20	.....	$6 20
Barton,	1817	L. Phelps,	.....	....	....	23	75	98	....	3	0	3	3	3	0	6	2	0	123	60	....	$13 00	$23 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00
Brighton,	1841	Vacant.	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Brownington, Barton L'd'g	1839	E. P. Chittenden,	A. P.	1877	1877	47	73	120	17	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	150	65	160	8 20	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 20
Charleston,	1844	W. T. Herrick,	A. P.	1831	1872	35	50	85	10	0	2	2	3	1	0	4	0	3	155	54	112	49 15	65 00	$40 25	.....	3 00	$14 40	171 80
Coventry,	1810	W. C. Somerville,	A. P.	1851	1873	26	69	95	15	0	5	5	3	8	0	11	0	1	160	....	....	....	20 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 16
Craftsbury,	1797	Jos. Boardman,	A. P.	1861	1875	33	89	122	18	2	0	2	2	3	0	5	2	3	151	58	100	11 86	106 21	24 17	$5 41	.....	27 92	175 57
Derby,	1807	E. P. Wild,	A. P.	1865	1877	35	67	102	16	5	1	6	3	2	0	5	3	0	140	100	139	1 50	28 00	8 00	10 00	.....	11 55	59 05
Glover,	1817	C. B. Thomas,	A. P.	1862	1876	35	69	104	18	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	105	....	110	15 30	.....	16 13	.....	4 00	.....	35 43
Greensboro,	1804	Moses Patten,	P.	1860	1876	42	26	68	13	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	0	0	120	54	94	18 40	35 58	17 29	4 71	.....	20 52	96 50
Holland,	1842	Vacant.	.....	....	....	11	19	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	20	30	14 50	18 84	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 34
Irasburgh,	1818	J. A. Kaley,	A. P.	1876	1877	28	44	72	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	150	75	130	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00	7 00
Lowell,	1816	F. B. Phelps,	P.	1870	1870	41	51	92	15	22	1	23	2	2	0	4	12	1	140	....	120	8 41	6 87	.....	.....	.....	44 00	59 28
Morgan,	1823	W. T. Herrick,	A. P.	1851	1875	7	17	24	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	25	90	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Newport,	1831	E. P. Wild,	P.	1865	1874	48	80	128	22	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	2	131	100	165	65 00	110 94	16 00	5 25	.....	8 06	205 25
Troy,	1845	Vacant.	.....	....	....	3	9	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	35	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" North,	1818	G. S. Butler,	P.	1877	1876	31	53	84	12	11	0	11	2	0	0	2	9	0	....	150	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westfield,	1818	F. B. Phelps,	A. P.	1870	1875	15	34	48	10	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	2	0	49	....	82	9 65	7 13	.....	.....	.....	5 50	22 28
Total, 18		4 Pas., 10 Act. Pas.				475	845	1320	185	53	15	68	26	27	2	55	34	13	1749	831	1572	$221 97	$439 73	$121 84	$25 37	$13 20	$135 95	$958 06

Ministers without Charge—John Frazer, West Derby; Robert V. Hall, Newport; Jabez T. Howard, West Charleston; George Stone, North Troy.

Ordained—E. P. Chittenden, Barton Landing, Aug. 29, 1877.

Deceased—Samuel R. Hall, L. L. D., Brownington, June 24, 1877. *Dismissed*—Austin Dodge, Barton, Nov. 27, 1877.

Licentiate—R. D. Metcalf, Troy. *Register of Conference*—Rev. E. P. Wild, Newport.

Time of Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

10. RUTLAND CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. R. T. HALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastor or Acting Past. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Families.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Benson,	1790	J. C. Houghton,	A. P.	1868	1876	59	94	153	44	1	4	5	3	7	0	10	1	0	142	64	130	$117 55	$95 43	$11 00	.....	.....	$10 00	$233 98
Brandon,	1785	S. P. Wilder,	P.	1875	1876	60	126	186	36	8	4	12	4	1	0	5	7	4	190	120	156	192 68	94 00	39 00	$10 50	$12 00	.....	348 18
Castleton,	1784	E. T. Hooker,	P.	1868	1875	50	119	169	32	12	3	15	2	2	5	9	7	1	136	90	100	37 27	70 40	32 65	.....	2 00	25 55	167 85
Clarendon,	1822	Geo. H. Morss,	P.	1864	1876	23	47	70	8	8	1	9	0	0	0	0	8	3	144	72	90	20 00	25 50	15 00	.....	.....	39 59	100 09
Danby,	1869	L. D. Mears,	A. P.	1871	1876	4	15	19	9	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	30	40	9 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	30	14 30
Fair Haven,	1808	M. A. Munson,	A. P.	1846	1878	35	79	114	26	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	90	60	83	24 18	75 00	60 00	.....	.....	27 68	186 86
" Welsh,	1857	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	38	52	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	65	32	125	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	25 00	26 50
Hubbardton,	1782	John H. Thyng,	A. P.	1852	1877	17	31	48	18	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	90	44	60	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Middletown,	1780	O. Myrick,	A. P.	1846	1866	14	34	48	12	4	6	10	1	0	0	1	3	0	115	80	100	12 00	8 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Pawlet,	1781	George A. Foss,	A. P.	1874	1878	17	85	102	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	166	58	140	.....	15 00	8 00	.....	.....	12 00	35 00
Pittsford,	1784	R. T. Hall,	P.	1870	1870	72	136	208	26	8	6	14	6	6	0	12	5	0	218	130	198	88 38	103 06	60 00	25 00	25 00	30 00	337 44
Poultney,	1780	C. Granger,	A. P.	1834	1873	32	62	94	33	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	0	0	70	25	60	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00
Rutland,	1788	James G. Johnson,	P.	1866	1870	161	298	459	79	35	13	48	5	9	0	14	23	8	447	335	450	132 25	923 82	44 48	.....	.....	.....	1100 55
" West.	1773	J. K. Williams,	A. P.	1866	1872	97	181	278	16	14	5	19	7	3	0	10	12	9	225	140	240	100 00	229 00	88 04	.....	.....	120 78	538 42
Sudbury,	1791	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	16	23	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wallingford,	1792	} A. Walker, D D. } E. S. Huntress,	P. A. P.	1840	1862 1877	42	101	143	17	3	1	4	...	3	...	3	1	....	134	80	185	93 73	144 25	.....	.....	.....	53 20	291 18
West Haven,	1817	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	7	11	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 17.		6 Pastors, 9 A. P.				708	1409	2177	363	95	50	143	35	37	5	77	67	25	2308	1360	2157	$833 02	$1807 46	$365 27	$35 50	$39 00	$344 10	$3424 35

Ministers without Charge—Ulrie Maynard, William Denison, Castleton; Amasa Stewart, Pittsford.

Deceased—Harvey O. Higley, Castleton.

Dismissed—John R. Chalmers, Fair Haven.

Licentiate—S. B. Pettengill, Rutland.

Register of Conference—Russell T. Hall, Pittsford.

Time of Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

11. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. WILLIAM S. HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Families.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Barre,	1799	Leonard Tenney,	A. P.	1845	1868	62	116	178	45	3	1	4	4	0	0	4	3	0	215	....	175	$120 00	$161 37	$26 98	.....	.....	$25 25	$336 60
Berlin,	1798	Wm. Schoneld,	A. P.	1874	1876	20	47	67	32	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	138	....	108	7 00	.....	21 94	.....	.....	7 80	36 74
" West,	1865	Wm. Schofield,	A. P.	1874	1877	5	13	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	21	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duxbury,	1836	C. A. Smith, Meth.	Supp.	....	1878	11	10	21	7	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	65	45	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshfield,	1826	Paul H. Pitkin,	P.	1866	1878	19	29	48	7	0	0	0	2	0	3	5	0	0	70	25	70	38 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 31
Montpelier,	1808	John H. Hincks,	P.	1877	1877	77	175	252	60	3	14	17	8	9	0	17	1	3	217	175	275	128 48	192 22	.....	.....	.....	110 75	431 45
Northfield,	1822	Wm. S. Hazen,	P.	1864	1863	38	78	116	13	13	6	19	4	4	0	8	8	3	148	73	122	41 00	57 96	17 89	$11 17	.....	61 54	189 06
Plainfield,	1799	Clark E. Ferrin,	P.	1851	1877	15	25	40	11	5	1	6	1	1	0	2	3	2	68	36	85	12 60	9 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	41 60
Roxbury,	1864	Alden Ladd.	P.	1865	1863	22	38	60	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	40	75	22 00	2 00	20 00	.....	.....	9 00	53 00
Waitsfield,	1796	S. H. Robinson,	P.	1877	1877	44	93	137	14	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	3	168	85	120	.....	33 50	28 38	.....	.....	10 00	71 88
Warren,	1816	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterbury,	1801	S. H. Wheeler,	P.	1875	1875	64	106	170	19	3	0	3	1	6	2	9	1	1	203	150	175	.....	112 00	55 00	.....	.....	60 00	227 00
Woodbury,	1875	Horace Herrick,	A. P.	1844	1877	20	32	52	....	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	120	50	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Worcester,	1824	P. H. Carpenter,	A. P.	....	1878	9	40	49	23	2	3	5	2	1	1	4	1	3	70	40	70	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	17 00
Total, 14		7 P., 5 A. P., 1 Sup.				406	802	1208	242	33	29	62	25	36	7	68	21	15	1602	739	1510	$379 39	$571 05	$169 69	$11 17	.....	$311 34	$1442 64

Ministers without Charge—Charles S. Smith, Sec. V. D. M. S., A. D. Barber, Editor Vt. Chronicle, Montpelier; Horace Pratt, Northfield.

Ordained—John H. Hincks, Montpelier, Sept. 27, 1877; Stephen H. Robinson, Waitsfield, Sept. 7, 1877.

Installed—Clark E. Ferrin, Plainfield, Feb. 13, 1878; Paul H. Pitkin, Marshfield, March 14, 1878.

Dismissed—Nelson F. Cobleigh, from church in Marshfield, May 21, 1877.

Register of Conference—William S. Hazen. *Time of Meeting of Conference*—First Tuesday in June.

12. WINDHAM CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. N. F. CARTER.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastor or Act. Pastor or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'tms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Families.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Brattleboro W	1770	C. H. Merrill,	P.	1870	1873	63	105	168	21	0	5	5	6	1	0	7	0	1	211	100	170	$55 74	$99 51	$48 89	$8 30	$19 90	$4 97	$237 31
Brattleboro,	1816	Geo. E. Martin,	Sup.	.....	1878	81	200	284	....	4	5	9	4	8	0	12	4	3	261	145	400	160 96	705 20	70 50	50 37	99 14	180 00	1266 17
Dover,	1872	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" West,	1868	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	17	25	42	9	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	58	25	75	.....	8 80	6 20	.....	.....	.....	15 50
Dummerston,	1779	Henry Marden,	A. P.	1869	1877	23	75	98	29	1	1	2	5	2	0	7	1	0	100	80	85	47 75	75 73	25 44	.....	.....	9 80	158 72
Newfane,																												
" Fayettev'e,	1774	Charles Burnham,	A. P.	1841	1874	24	66	90	21	3	0	3	1	5	0	6	2	0	125	75	100	5 90	23 00	111 27	.....	.....	16 74	156 91
Grafton,	1785	E. J. Ward,	P.	1868	1867	29	74	103	28	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	1	115	70	....	.....	57 50	22 17	.....	.....	.....	79 67
Guilford East,	1768	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	1	6	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamaica,	1791	Orrin G. Baker,	P.	1878	1878	19	41	60	4	5	1	6	2	2	0	4	4	0	95	41	100	18 00	11 00	.....	12 00	.....	5 50	46 50
Londonderry,	1868	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	9	28	37	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	13	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marlboro,	1776	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Putney,	1776	Austin Dodge,	A. P.	1866	1878	21	62	83	13	1	2	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	86	34	110	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 50	40 50
Rockingham,																												
" Saxton's R.,	1825	Amos Holbrook,	A. P.	1876	1876	29	57	86	12	11	10	21	3	2	0	5	10	0	85	51	110	16 00	18 50	16 50	.....	.....	2 00	53 00
" B. Falls,	1850	N. F. Carter,	P.	1867	1874	39	52	91	23	1	13	14	0	2	0	2	1	1	115	85	110	48 81	33 00	18 04	.....	.....	55 53	155 38
" Cambr'p't,	1868	J. H. Gaylord, M.	Sup.	1855	1876	14	22	36	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	40	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stratton,	1801	F. H. Butler, Bap.	Sup.	1875	1875	3	16	19	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Townshend,	1777	George Porter,	A. P.	1861	1877	41	59	100	23	3	2	5	2	1	0	3	3	1	125	60	140	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	35 00
" West,	1850	J. B. Baldwin,	A. P.	1852	1873	16	49	65	7	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	75	50	65	15 57	7 90	53 43	.....	.....	.....	76 90
Wardsboro, S.	1858	Edward F. Abbott.	A. P.	1846	1875	18	39	57	17	6	0	6	2	0	0	2	0	0	65	64	52	17 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25	22 70
Westminster,	1767	Pliny F. Barnard,	A. P.	1847	1873	29	93	122	10	5	0	5	5	1	0	6	4	0	164	80	137	13 10	65 35	8 50	5 00	.....	32 01	123 96
" West.	1799	A. Stevens,	P.	1813	1842	44	46	90	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	158	70	135	33 00	187 00	31 00	10 00	.....	27 00	288 00
Wilmington,	1855	A. C. Field,	P.	1869	1871	33	58	91	35	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	20	55	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00	20 00
Windham,	1805	D. N. Goodrich,	P.	1865	1875	36	62	98	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	148	68	100	2 00	35 00	12 29	.....	.....	53 40	102 69
Total, 23		7 P., 8 A. P., 3 Sup.				502	1245	1827	316	42	39	81	40	31	....	71	31	10	2136	1171	2094	$451 28	$1347 49	$424 23	$85 67	$119 04	$450 70	$2878 41

Ministers without Charge — Augustus Chandler, Editor of Record and Farmer, Brattleboro; Lewis Grout, Agent A. M. A., West Brattleboro; Amos Foster, Putney.

Licentiate — John E. Russell, Putney.

Register of Conference — C. H. Merrill, West Brattleboro.

Time of Meeting of Conference — First Wednesday of September.

13. WINDSOR CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. CHARLES W. CLARK.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Families.	Average Congrega'on.	Benevolent Contributions. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Bethel,	1817	Elbridge Gerry,	A. P.	1868	1872	9	36	45	9	3	1	4	2	3	0	5	2	2	83	31	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridgewater,	1793	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	7	12	19	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chester,	1773	Henry L. Slack,	P.	1877	1877	56	124	180	30	5	5	10	1	0	0	1	2	0	160	105	200	$44 00	$29 00	$42 24	.....	.....	$27 14	$142 38
Hartford,	1786	S. I. Briant,	P.	1868	1875	60	118	178	31	7	2	9	2	7	0	9	5	3	210	149	212	59 93	156 20	129 35	$5 35	$4 55	2 35	357 73
" West,	1830	Vacant.	.....	...	...	30	54	84	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	88	55	80	254 75	21 00	.....	.....	.....	44 60	320 35
" Quechee,	1831	Austin S. Chase,	A. P.	1876	1876	13	60	73	29	5	1	6	0	2	0	2	5	1	90	60	117	16 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 14	30 32
Hartland,	1779	R. D. Miller,	A. P.	1856	1875	9	38	47	3	6	4	10	1	7	0	8	2	2	75	30	70	12 00	34 60	14 00	.....	.....	10 00	70 60
Ludlow,	1806	Geo. H. French,	A. P.	1871	1878	23	73	96	53	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	136	40	90	10 90	.....	24 26	.....	.....	17 27	52 43
Norwich,	1819	Allen Hazen,	A. P.	1846	1877	70	133	203	31	2	0	2	6	11	2	19	1	2	237	250	200	60 00	134 99	93 19	.....	.....	6 50	294 68
Pittsfield,	1803	T. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	1839	1878	23	35	58	11	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	4	0	30	28	94	28 13	20 60	.....	.....	.....	10 50	59 23
Plymouth,	1802	M. Moore,	A. P	1867	1877	5	7	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pomfret,	1783	Vacant.	.....	....	....	16	29	45	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	35	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rochester,	1811	Vacant.	.....	....	....	19	58	77	6	3	0	3	0	...	0	0	3	0	143	40	99	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	40 00
Royalton,	1777	Vacant.	.....	....	....	38	78	116	16	0	1	1	5	6	1	12	0	0	75	46	100	41 45	67 00	27 00	.....	.....	16 10	151 55
" South,	1868	S. K. B. Perkins,	A. P.	1860	1876	20	41	61	8	6	13	19	1	6	0	7	5	0	102	55	96	11 67	.....	.....	.....	12 77	2 00	26 44
Sharon,	1782	E. B. Chamberlin,	A. P.	1856	1874	24	48	72	9	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	0	110	60	94	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Springfield,	1781	Thomas M. Boss,	P.	1866	1877	98	252	350	50	9	1	10	6	12	2	20	7	2	245	200	267	494 15	1050 65	440 78	28 58	.....	453 06	2467 22
Stockbridge,	1827	Vacant.	.....	....	....	22	49	71	19	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	100	33	70	34 50	26 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 00
Weathersf. C.,	1775	L. C. Sherburn,	Sup.	.....	1877	21	36	57	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	43	....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 75	12 75
Weathersf. E.,	1838	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Ascutney.,	1869	Richard T. Searle,	A. P.	1845	1877	8	15	23	4	....	4	4	1	...	...	1	.....	.....	80	34	100	2 00	19 00	.....	.....	.....	13 55	34 55
Weston,	1799	Vacant.	.....	....	...	15	28	43	13	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	27	26	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Windsor,	1768	Richard T. Searle,	P.	1845	1874	66	126	192	28	7	1	8	3	4	0	7	3	1	120	....	140	50 00	31 45	.....	.....	.....	19 00	100 45
Woodstock,	1781	L. W. Hicks,	P.	1874	1874	71	169	240	....	26	10	36	4	0	0	4	17	2	140	100	208	40 17	1155 30	44 00	6 00	.....	124 70	1370 17
Total, 24		5 P., 10 A. P. 1 Sup.				723	1619	2342	402	82	44	126	45	69	5	119	57	17	2450	1427	2550	$1159 83	$2771 29	$814 82	$39 93	$17 32	$813 66	$5616 85

Ministers without Charge—Jonathan Clement, D. D., Norwich; J. B. Clark, Ludlow: Franklin Butler, Windsor; J. S. Chapman, Chester; A. S. Swift, Stockbridge.

Ordained—Henry L. Slack, Chester, Oct. 11, 1877.

Deceased—Cyrus B. Drake, D. D., April 21, 1878.

Register of Conference—Rev. Charles W. Clark, Gaysville.

Installed—Rev. Thomas Mason Boss, Springfield, March 6, 1878.

Dismissed—P. B. Fisk, Springfield.

Time of Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

SUMMARY. JAN. 1, 1878.

CONFER'NCES	Churches.							Ministers.							Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap s.		Sabbath School.	Families.	Average Congregation.	Benevolent Contributions.						
	Total Churches.	Churches with Pastors.	Churches with A. P.	Chs. with L. & oth. sup.	Not supplied.	Net gain.	Net loss.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Licentiates.	Without Charge.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total Ministers.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Exclusion.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All others.	Total Contributions.
Addison,	14	8	3	1	2	17	0	8	3	4	2	1	1	0	0	13	666	1172	1838	327	63	15	78	32	27	2	61	45	10	2013	1067	1663	$1091 68	$1563 22	$250 89	$74 15	$63 01	$1886 45	$4919 40
Bennington,	11	8	4	3	1	43	0	3	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	10	354	737	1091	168	47	27	74	14	16	1	31	24	12	1597	622	1262	801 96	776 53	162 04	66 41	.....	735 43	2042 37
Caledonia,	15	8	7	0	0	12	0	8	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	17	897	1492	2299	423	70	35	105	32	55	6	93	42	35	2497	1313	2275	2097 09	4802 03	1355 74	2031 74	286 31	1150 10	12713 03
Chittenden,	17	4	13	0	0	50	0	4	8	0	10	0	0	1	0	22	556	1094	1650	286	98	28	121	25	44	2	71	66	11	1831	838	1708	608 41	979 68	220 75	.....	25 14	281 46	2155 44
Essex,	3	0	3	0	0	0	15	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	64	128	192	57	0	1	1	3	13	0	16	0	2	201	114	192	37 43	76 84	19 83	.....	.....	42 75	176 85
Franklin & Grand Isle,	12	2	8	0	2	0	13	2	7	0	2	0	0	0	1	11	457	759	1216	168	21	7	28	17	23	1	41	2	11	1168	564	1173	330 44	417 58	175 60	45 49	.....	771 50	1740 61
Lamoille,	8	0	6	0	2	9	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	2	1	7	188	353	541	97	16	16	32	13	8	2	23	11	4	711	354	670	96 13	292 30	264 69	.....	2 50	101 00	756 62
Orange,	21	5	14	0	2	94	0	5	14	0	4	0	0	2	1	23	735	1445	2180	335	125	50	175	49	31	1	81	100	26	2707	1707	2428	1390 87	1763 13	1305 57	85 82	6 00	729 52	5280 91
Orleans,	18	5	9	0	4	13	0	5	6	1	4	2	1	1	1	15	475	845	1320	185	53	15	68	26	27	2	55	34	13	1749	831	1572	221 97	439 73	121 84	25 37	13 20	135 95	938 06
Rutland,	17	5	9	0	3	66	0	6	9	1	4	0	1	1	1	19	708	1469	2177	363	93	50	143	35	37	5	77	67	25	2308	1360	2157	833 02	1807 46	365 27	35 50	39 00	344 10	3424 35
Washington,	14	7	5	1	1	4	0	7	4	0	3	2	0	1	1	14	406	802	1208	242	33	29	62	25	26	7	58	21	15	1602	739	1510	397 39	571 05	169 09	11 17	.....	311 34	1442 64
Windham,	23	7	9	2	5	10	0	7	8	1	3	0	0	0	0	18	592	1235	1827	310	42	39	81	40	31	0	71	31	10	2136	1171	2094	451 28	1347 49	424 23	85 67	119 04	450 70	2878 41
Windsor,	24	6	10	0	8	7	0	6	9	0	5	1	0	1	0	20	723	1619	2342	402	82	44	126	45	69	5	119	57	17	2450	1427	2550	1159 83	2771 29	814 82	39 93	17 82	813 66	5616 85
13	197	60	100	7	30	325	28	61	86	8	46	6	3	9	7	193	6731	13150	19881	3363	788	356	1094	356	407	34	797	500	191	22970	12105	21254	$8899 50	$17698 33	$5690 96	$2501 27	$561 52	$7753 96	$44105 54

"*Acting Pastors*" include only ordained Congl. Ministers.—"*Other Supplies*" include Ministers of other denominations.—"*Not Supplied*," i. e., statedly by one person.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION—CONTINUED.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
Henry Fairbanks.	Feb. 17, 1856.	1869.	St. Johnsbury,	S. VT. Y.M.C.A.
Homer T. Fuller.	1870.	1871.	St. Johnsbury,	Prin. St. J. A.
John P. Humphrey.	Feb. 3, 1867.	1868.	St. Johnsbury E.,	P.
Henry W. Jones,	May 24, 1868.	1876.	St. Johnsbury.	P.
J. Lincoln Litch.	April 7, 1867.	1874.	Derby Line.	P.
Nathan R. Nichols.	Feb. 1, 1872.	1874.	Barnet.	P.
S. Girard Noreross.	Oct. 11, 1859.	1869.	N. Conway, N. H.	A. P.
William W. Thayer.	Mar. 21, 1839.	1847.	St. Johnsbury.	Librarian.
Charles W. Thompson.	July 1, 1869.	1869.	Danville.	P.
Moses H. Wells.	Nov. 19, 1845.	1867.	Waterford.	P.
Azel W. Wild.	Oct. 26, 1864.	1874.	Peacham.	P.

LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION.

June 1, 1856.	J. G. HALE, Register.	1st Tues. Feb., 2d Tues. May and Sept.		
Lyman Bartlett.	Aug. 8, 1851.	1851.	Cesarea, Turkey.	Mis. A.B.C.F.M.
James A. Bates.	Sept. 19, 1860.	1873.	Wolcott.	A. P.
James T. Ford.	1857.	1858.	San Bern'dino, Ca.	A. P.
George H. French.	Nov. 8, 1871.	1872.	Ludlow.	A. P.
John G. Hale.	Sept. 30, 1852.	1873.	Stowe.	A. P.
Daniel W. Hardy.	Oct. 20, 1874.	1874.	Bluehill, Me.	A. P.
Vitellus M. Hardy.	Jan. 31, 1872.	1871.	West Randolph.	A. P.
Horace Herrick.	1844.	1860.	Woodbury.	A. P.
Giles F. Montgomery.	Aug. 19, 1863.	1864.	Marash, Turkey.	Mis. A.B.C.F.M.
Benjamin F. Perkins.	Nov. 22, 1868.	1870.	Sterling, Mass.	A. P.
Edwin Wheelock.	Jan. 23, 1856.	1868.	Cambridge.	A. P.

MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 9, 1827.	WM. S. HAZEN, Scribe.	Last Tues. Jan., April, July and Oct.		
Nelson F. Cobleigh.	Aug. 16, 1871.	1872.	McIndoes Falls.	A. P.
John P. Demeritt.	May 31, 1870.	1873.	Williamstown.	A. P.
Clark E. Ferrin.	Dec. 10, 1851.	1873.	Plainfield.	P.
James L. Harrington.	Oct. 25, 1876.	1876.	Orange.	A. P.
William S. Hazen.	Oct. 12, 1864.	1865.	Northfield.	P.
John H. Hincks.	Sept. 27, 1877.	1878.	Montpelier.	P.
Alden Ladd.	Feb. 15, 1865.	1865.	Roxbury.	P.
Paul H. Pitkin.	Sept. 11, 1866.	1873.	Marshfield.	P.
Horace Pratt.	Mar. 28, 1849.	1870.	Northfield.	W. C.
Stephen H. Robinson.	Sept. 7, 1877.	1878.	Waitsfield.	P.
William Schofield.	Feb. 24, 1874.	1874.	Berlin.	A. P.
Charles S. Smith.	Nov. 13, 1855.	1865.	Montpelier.	Sec. VT. D. M. S.
John F. Stone.	Jan. 21, 1929.	1838.	Montpelier.	W. C.
Leonard Tenney.	Mar. 19, 1845.	1868.	Barre.	A. P.
Caleb M. Winch.	June 29, 1853.	1854.	Corinth.	A. P.

NORTH WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

A. B. SWIFT, Register.	3d Tues. Jan., 2d Tues. May, 4th Tues. Sept.			
James H. Babbitt.	Sept. 10, 1868.	1878.	Swanton.	A. P.
Calvin B. Cady.	1838.	May 27, 1845.	Georgia.	
Lyndon S. French.	March, 1834.	Jan. 20, 1846.	Franklin.	W. C.
J. K. Fuller.	Apr. 23, 1876.		Bakersfield.	A. P.
Elias W. Hatch.	1866.	Jan. 15, 1867.	East Berkshire.	P.
Richard Hicks.	1867.	Jan. 21, 1873.	Alburgh.	A. P.
A. J. Samson.		May 23, 1843.	St. Albans.	W. C.
James P. Stone.	Oct. 16, 1839.	Jan. 21, 1873.	Highgate.	A. P.
Alfred B. Swift.	1855.	Jan. 20, 1863.	Enosburgh.	A. P.
Charles Van Norden.	1866.	Jan. 20, 1874.	St. Albans.	P.
Charles P. Watson.	1857.	May 8, 1877.	Sheldon.	A. P.
John H. Woodward.	Jan. 31, 1838.	1836.	Milton.	A. P.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

L. H. ELLIOT, Register.	1st Tues. May, Sept. and Feb.			
S. Lysander Bates.	Mar. 23, 1864.	May 14, 1872.	Newbury.	P.
Henry Cummings.	July 16, 1851.	May 2, 1876.	Strafford.	P.
Lester H. Elliot.	May 2, 1866.	Feb. 4, 1873.	Bradford.	A. P.
Joseph Fuller.	Sept. 30, 1830.	Aug. 14, 1855.	Vershire.	W. C.
Amzi B. Lyon.	Feb., 1858.	May 2, 1876.	West Newbury.	A. P.
Solon Martin.	June 16, 1835.	May 7, 1839.	Fairlee.	A. P.
Charles F. Morse.	Aug. 13, 1856.	May 2, 1876.	Thetford.	W. C.
Eugene J. Ranslow.	June 23, 1869.	May 8, 1877.	Wells River.	A. P.
Josiah G. Willis.	Oct. 10, 1876.	Sept. 25, 1877.	Guildhall.	A. P.
George N. Abbott.	Licentiate.	Feb. 5, 1878.	South Newbury.	

ORLEANS ASSOCIATION.

J. BOARDMAN, Clerk. 3d Tues. Jan., May, Aug.

Members.	*Ordained.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
George H. Bailey,	Nov. 26, 1867,	.....	Griggsville, Ill.,	W. C.
J. W. H. Baker,	June 29, 1865,	.....	New Sharon, Me.	W. C.
Joseph Boardman,	Mar. 20, 1861,	Jan. 15, 1878,	No. Craftsbury,	A. P.
S. W. Chapin,	Mar. 12, 1878,	.....	Albany,	A. P.
Alexander C. Child,	May 18, 1853,	.....	Orfordville, N. H.,	W. C.
Ezra P. Chittenden,	Aug. 29, 1877,	Jan. 15, 1878,	Brownington,	A. P.
Jacob S. Clark,	Jan 11, 1827,	.....	Morgan,	P. ret.
John A. Farrar,	Oct. 21, 1862,	.....	.....	
Wm. T. Herrick,	May 28, 1851,	May 20, 1873,	W. Charleston,	A. P.
Jabez T. Howard,	Jan. 19, 1841,	.....	W. Charleston,	W. C.
John A. Kaley,	Mar. 10, 1876,	May 17, 1876,	Irasburgh,	A. P.
Frederick B. Phelps,	Oct. 18, 1870,	.....	Lowell,	P.
T. E. Ranney,	May 1, 1844,	.....	.....	
George Stone,	.....	.....	North Troy,	W. C.
W. C. Somerville,	Oct. 1851,	May 19, 1874,	Coventry,	A. P.
Chauncey B. Thomas,	Jan. 28, 1862,	Jan. 15, 1878.	Glover,	P.
Edward P. Wild,	Oct. 11, 1865,	.....	Newport,	P.

ROYALTON ASSOCIATION.

G. W. OSGOOD, Register pro tem. 1st Tues. Feb., 3d Tues. May, Sept.

William A. Bushee,	Aug. 19, 1869,	.....	Brookfield,	P.
E. B. Chamberlain,	Mar. 12, 1856,	.....	Sharon,	A. P.
Charles W. Dealtry,	May 11, 1874,	.....	East Braintree,	A. P.
Samuel W. Dike,	Feb. 3, 1869,	.....	West Randolph,	W. C.
Edward E. Herrick,	Feb. 24, 1864,	.....	Chelsea,	P.
Thomas S. Hubbard,	June, 1839,	.....	Rochester,	A. P.
George W. Osgood,	Jan. 17, 1878,	.....	Tunbridge,	P.
Sidney K. B. Perkins,	Jan. 11, 1860,	.....	South Royalton,	A. P.
Bezaleel Smith,	May 13, 1829,	.....	West Randolph,	W. C.
George B. Tolman,	July 10, 1862,	.....	Brookfield,	A. P.

RUTLAND ASSOCIATION.

L. D. MEARS, Register. 2d Tues. Feb., May, Aug. and Nov.

John F. Aiken,	Oct. 2, 1873,	Feb. 10, 1874,	Chichester, N. H.,	A. P.
John R. Chalmers,	July 7, 1874,	May 8, 1877,	Albert Lea, Minn.,	A. P.
Calvin Granger,	Aug. 6, 1834,	Feb. 28, 1861,	E. Poultney,	A. P.
Russell T. Hall,	Sept. 8, 1870,	Sept. 13, 1870,	Pittsford,	P.
Edward T. Hooker,	June 17, 1868,	May 10, 1876,	Castleton,	P.
Edward S. Huntress,	Sept. 3, 1869,	Feb. 12, 1878,	Wallingford,	A. P.
James G. Johnson,	Dec. 27, 1866,	Sept. 13, 1870,	Rutland,	P.
Abel Manning,	Nov. 9, 1820,	May 28, 1822,	Goffstown, N. H.,	W. C.
Ulric Maynard,	Aug. 6, 1828,	Oct. 10, 1843,	Castleton,	W. C.
Lucian D. Mears,	Nov. 8, 1871,	May 8, 1877,	Danby,	A. P.
George H. Morse,	May 11, 1864,	Aug. 7, 1877,	Clarendon,	P.
Osborn Myrick,	Feb. 18, 1846,	May 14, 1872,	Middletown,	A. P.
Henry F. Rustedt,	Feb. 3, 1841,	Oct. 13, 1857,	Shrewsbury,	W. C.
Amasa Stewart,	Sept. 15, 1829,	July 18, 1837,	Pittsford,	W. C.
John H. Thyng,	Oct. 26, 1852,	Sept. 12, 1877,	Hubbardton,	A. P.
Lucius L. Tilden,	Mar. 17, 1830,	May 25, 1830,	Nashua, N. H.,	W. C.
Aldace Walker, D. D.	Dec. 30, 1840,	July 20, 1841,	Rutland,	ret. P.
Sedgwick P. Wilder,	May 28, 1875,	Feb. 13, 1877,	Brandon,	P.
John K. Williams,	Nov. 22, 1866,	May 11, 1875,	W. Rutland,	A. P.
Lyman B. Hall,	Licentiate.	Aug. 8, 1877,	Oberlin, Ohio,	Tutor.
S. B. Pettingill,	"	Feb. 8, 1876,	Rutland,	Editor.

WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

S. INGERSOLL BRIANT, Scribe. 2d Tues. Jan., April, July, Oct.

S. Ingersoll Briant,	Apr. 22, 1868,	May 11, 1875,	Hartford,	P.
Franklin Butler,	Jan. 13, 1843,	Oct. 14, 1845,	Windsor,	Editor.
Austin S. Chase,	Dec. 14, 1876,	May 8, 1877,	Quechee,	A. P.
Jonathan Clement, D. D.,	Oct. 13, 1810,	Aug. 10, 1852,	Norwich,	W. C.
Josiah T. Closson,	June, 1872,	.....	North Thetford.	
Charles Duren,	Feb. 3, 1841,	Nov. 12, 1867,	Granby,	A. P.
Allen Hazen, D. D.,	July 1, 1846,	Oct. 9, 1877,	Norwich,	A. P.
Lewis W. Hicks,	Sept. 10, 1874,	July 13, 1875,	Woodstock,	P.

WINDHAM ASSOCIATION.

Oct. 17, 1875. D. N. GOODRICH, Scribe. 1st Tues. Aug., Nov., Feb., 3d Tues. May.

Edward F. Abbott,	Aug. 1846,	.....	South Wardsboro,	A. P.
Orrin G. Baker,	Feb. 19 1878,	May, 1878,	Jamaica,	A. P.
Joseph B. Baldwin,	Sept. 1832,	May, 1873,	West Townshend,	A. P.
Pliny F. Barnard,	Jan. 14, 1847,	May, 1874,	Westminster,	A. P.
Charles Burnham,	Nov. 1841,	Nov. 1871,	Fayetteville,	A. P.
Nathan F. Carter,	Dec. 17, 1867,	Nov. 1874,	Bellows Falls,	P.

[illegible] ASSOCIATION—[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Sept. 2, 1868.	[illegible]	Brattleboro.	Editor.
[illegible]	Aug. 26, 1870.	[illegible]	[illegible]	P.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wilmington.	P.
[illegible]	Mar. 2, 1865.	June, 1867	Putney.	W. C.
[illegible]	June 20, 1866.	May, 1870.	Windham.	P.
[illegible]	Oct. 2, 1868.	Jan. 1870.	West Brattleboro.	Agent A. M. A.
[illegible]	May 1, 1866.	May, 1870.	Saxton's River.	A. P.
[illegible]	Sept. 1, 1868.	Jan. 1870.	[illegible]	A. P.
[illegible]	Nov. 2, 1870.	May, 1870.	West Brattleboro.	P.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Jan. 21, 1866.	May, 1870.	Westminster W.	P.
[illegible]	Oct. 21, 1868.	May, 1870.	Brattleboro.	[illegible]
[illegible]	Mar. 2, 1866.	[illegible]	Guilford.	P.

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[illegible] Series.

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Jan. 1870.	Chester.	W. C.
[illegible]	1870.	May, 1870.	Keene, N. H.	W. C.
[illegible]	Sept. 1868.	May, 1870.	Hartland.	A. P.
[illegible]	1868.	Jan. 1870.	Windsor.	P.
[illegible]	[illegible]	June, 1870.	Greater City, Kan.	A. P.

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	May, 1870.	Bennington.	Ed. Vt. Chron.
[illegible]	Oct. 29, 1867.	May, 1870.	Chittenden.	A. P.
[illegible]	Aug. 28, 1868.	May, 1870.	Cabotville.	W. C.
[illegible]	[illegible]	May, 1870.	Burlington.	P.
[illegible]	April 4, 1870.	Jan. 1870.	Burlington.	W. C.
[illegible]	Mar. [illegible], 1870.	May, 1870.	Westfield.	A. P.
[illegible]	Aug. 4, 1870.	June 2, 1870.	Burlington.	Agt. Col. Soc.
[illegible]	May 28, 1870.	May, 1870.	Essex.	A. P.
[illegible]	May 4, 1868.	[illegible]	Burlington.	W. C.
[illegible]	May [illegible], 1869.	[illegible], 1870.	Burlington.	Prof. Univ. Vt.
[illegible]	May 29, 1868.	May, 1870.	Jericho Center.	A. P.
[illegible]	Dec. 21, 1869.	[illegible], 1870.	Bennington.	W. C.
[illegible]	May 4, 1868.	May, 1870.	Burlington.	W. C.
[illegible]	Sept. 1, 1869.	June, 1870.	Burlington.	P.
[illegible]	Sept. [illegible], 1870.	May, 1870.	Essex Junction.	W. C.
[illegible]	Sept. [illegible], 1870.	Sept. 1870.	Charlotte.	P.
[illegible]	May 1, 1861.	May, 1870.	Burlington.	Prof. Univ. Vt.
[illegible]	May 4, 1868.	June, 1870.	South Hero.	P.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible], 1870.	Charlotte.	W. C.
Andrew J. Willard.	April, 1870.	May, 1870.	Burlington.	W. C.
John H. Worcester, D.D.	[illegible]	Oct. 1870.	Burlington.	W. C.
M. H. Buckham, D.D.	[illegible]	Oct. 1870.	Burlington.	Pres. Univ. Vt.

VERMONT DOMESTIC

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SECTION 1. James W. Hickok, Joshua Leavitt, William H. Lord, Thaddeus Fairbanks, J. G. Stimson, and Charles S. Smith, with their associates, being members of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, a society heretofore existing, and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches and communities in the State in need of assistance in sustaining the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the said name of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with all the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly paper published in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Passed October 25, 1872.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ——— dollars, in trust, to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, incorporated in October, 1872, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society.

CONSTITUTION.

OF THE

VT. DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

As Revised and Adopted June 18, 1873.

NAME.

Art. I. This Society shall be known by the name of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. II. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying two dollars into its treasury, and his membership shall continue so long as he shall annually pay a like sum. Any person may, at his request, become a member for life of the Society, who shall at one time pay twenty dollars or more, into its treasury. Congregational ministers whose churches contribute annually to the treasury of this Society, shall be members, and their membership shall continue so long as such annual contributions are made. All such members shall be entitled to vote.

OBJECT.

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns in the State with the preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

OFFICERS.

Art. IV. The officers of this Society, to be elected annually, shall be a President, Vice-President, twelve Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. The President and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Directors *ex-officiis*. These officers shall all hold their offices for a year and till others are elected.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

Art. V. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

Art. VI. It shall be the duty of the Directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, to act upon applications coming from churches, asking for aid; make appropriations of money; fill temporarily any vacancy occasioned by the death or resignation of the Secretary, Treasurer or Auditor; have a general superintendence of all the Society's affairs, and make through the Secretary, a report of their doings at each annual meeting.

At their annual meeting the Directors shall appoint *five* of their own number—one of whom shall be the Secretary—as an Executive Committee, which committee shall have full power to act for the Directors on all matters that may come before them, when the Directors are not in session.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

Art. VII. The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society and of the Directors; keep a true record of their doings and call meetings of the Society, Directors and Executive Committee.

He shall secure, as far as possible, collections and donations from churches and individuals; visit destitute communities to ascertain their needs; direct itinerant missionaries to their fields; draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Directors or Executive Committee, and make an annual report to the Society of the doings of the Directors, and the condition of the missionary work.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

Art. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society; take care of and invest the permanent funds; lease or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Directors or Executive Committee; and exhibit at the annual meeting an audited account of the condition of the treasury, make a statement of the amount of permanent funds, and how they are invested. He shall hold his books open for inspection when requested by any member of the Society, and shall give bonds when required by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF AUDITOR.

Art. IX. The Auditor shall carefully audit the Treasurer's book every year, before the annual meeting of the Society, and report also on the amount of the permanent funds, and the form of their investment.

MEETINGS.

Meetings of Society.

Art. X. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, for the election of officers and the transaction of any necessary business, on the Wednesday succeeding the second Tuesday in June, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the same place where the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont holds its annual meeting. Two several notices shall be given by the Secretary, of the time and place of holding this meeting, in some newspaper generally circulated in this State

Meetings of Directors.

The Directors shall hold an annual meeting on the same day of the annual meeting of the Society, at such time as the Secretary shall give notice to the Directors, personally or by public notice, at the annual meeting of the Society. They may adjourn or meet at such other time as they see fit, or as they may be called together by the Secretary, notice being given them in writing, one week before the time of meeting.

Meetings of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as they may appoint, and whenever the Secretary may call them together; and they shall have power to call meetings of the Society or Directors, in case of the death, resignation, or absence of the Secretary.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

Art. XI. The object of this Society shall not be changed, but this Constitution may be altered or amended, on a proposal of the Directors, at any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS.

JUNE 17, 1873.

RULE 1. Churches asking for aid, must first subscribe one hundred and twenty-five per cent. on their grand list, unless in very exceptional cases.

RULE 2. No church in debt for past ministerial services shall receive aid.

RULE 3. Appropriations shall not be made for a longer period than twelve months, and shall not, except in special cases, date back of the time of application.

RULE 4. Applications shall be signed by a committee of the church asking for aid. They shall also be endorsed by the Association of Ministers within whose bounds they arise, or by a committee of such body.

RULE 5. Every application must contain an answer to the following questions, viz :

(1.) Name of minister employed ?
(2.) Number of members of the church ?
(3.) Usual attendance on public worship ?
(4.) Amount of the grand list of the church ?
(5.) Amount actually subscribed by the church for preaching ?
(6.) Amount subscribed by those not members of the church ?
(7.) Is aid expected from any other source ?
(8.) Least amount of aid that will suffice from this Society ?
(9.) Is the church in debt for past ministerial service ? If so, how much ? and to whom ?
(10.) From what date is aid asked ?

RULE 6. On the expiration of an appropriation, if aid is still needed, a new application must be made, containing an explicit answer to all of the above questions.

RULE 7. All missionaries, when required, shall furnish satisfactory testimonials of church and ministerial standing.

RULE 8. A statistical report shall be made by each missionary before the first of June of each year, or when he leaves his field, if it is before the close of the Society's year.

RULE 9. Missionaries shall not be entitled to receive payments from this Society till they have made a written report to the Secretary of their services for the period for which such payment is due. Those who wish quarterly payments must make quarterly reports.

RULE 10. Missionaries must reside with the people to whom they preach. If they serve two or more churches, they must live with one of them.

RULE 11. The Secretary shall engage itinerant laborers, as may be needed, for destitute fields, who shall be guaranteed seven dollars per week, and their fare one way, not to exceed twelve dollars. The people with whom they labor shall, in all cases, provide board, and pay as large a part of the salary as possible.

CLurches receiving aid are requested to arrange, as far as practicable, their contracts with their ministers so that their year may commence with the first of June, in order that all applications for the renewal of grants may be made before the annual meeting.

Any church wishing to apply for aid should send to the Secretary for a blank form of application.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Sixtieth Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held at the Congregational church, in Rutland, on Wednesday, June 12th, 1878, at 10 o'clock A. M., in accordance with a notice given three weeks previously in the *Vermont Chronicle*.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hon. Franklin Fairbanks.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. H. T. Fuller, of St. Johnsbury.

On motion, the following committee of three was appointed by the President, to nominate officers for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. L. H. Elliott, Dea. C. F. Thompson, and Rev. G. B. Safford D. D.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mr. J. C. Emery, accepted, and ordered to be printed.

The Directors' report was read by the Secretary. On motion to accept and print it, which was adopted, remarks were made by Rev. Messrs. W. W. Winchester, E. B. Chamberlin, E. G. Read, Pres. M. H. Buckham, Dea. C. F. Thompson, and others.

The report of the nominating committee — which was accepted, adopted, and the persons designated declared elected to the offices named, for the ensuing year — was as follows :

President — Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS.

Vice-President — Pres. C. B. HULBERT, D. D.

Secretary — Rev. C. S. SMITH.

Treasurer — Mr. J. C. EMERY.

Auditor — Hon. JOHN A. PAGE.

Directors — Mr. THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. A. W. WILD, Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, Rev. J. G. HALE, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD, D. D., Mr. J. S. SPAULDING, LL. D., Rev. I. JENNINGS, Rev. S. W. DIKE, Rev. L. TENNEY, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON.

Directors Ex-officiis — Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, President, and Rev. C. S. SMITH, Secretary.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

This Society completes, this year, its three-score years of ministry among the feeble churches of Vermont. It was organized in Rutland county, in the town of Castleton, on the 16th of Sept., 1818, under the name of the Vermont Juvenile Missionary Society. Rev. Joshua Bates, President of Middlebury College, preached on the occasion from Isaiah, LXII : 1 ; "*For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.*"

Of the many prayers that have been offered from that day to to this, and the many contributions that have been made to sustain this work ; of the noble men an women who have engaged in it ; of the churches that have been organized or have been kept alive through this agency ; of the souls that have been saved and the streams of blessing that have gone forth from the missionary churches to other states and lands, of these things we cannot speak to day. But their record is on high, and, when the final account is made up, we believe that it will appear that these humble agencies and influences have, under God, borne a worthy part in the enlargement and strengthening of Zion.

While God has graciously spared the lives of all the officers and missionaries of this Society through the year, we look in vain to day for the familiar faces of two of the fathers, who were with us one year ago, and who, for more than a generation, have been intimately connected with this Society and the churches of this State. They will be with us in person no more to share in our work, or profit us with their counsels. But they have left us a rich heritage in their prayers, their influence and the memory of their faith and consecrated lives.

Rev. Silas McKeen, D. D., for forty-three years pastor of the church in Bradford, was a Director of this Society from 1828 to 1832, and again from 1842 to 1851, twelve years in all.

Rev. Cyrus B. Drake, D. D., for forty years pastor of the church in Royalton, in 1846–7 was for some nine months Secretary of this Society, and thirty-one years ago prepared and read the report of the Directors, at their annual meeting. During the years 1855–6

he was one of its Directors, and his voice has often been heard at our anniversaries, expressing his deep interest in our work. The last sermon he ever preached — one week before his death, and which he was compelled by illness to leave only partly delivered — was an earnest appeal to his church in behalf of Domestic Missions, on the occasion of their taking their annual collection for this object.

Both of these brethren had their birth and early training in connection with the feeble churches of Vermont. Dr. Drake was a son of the church in Weybridge where he was nurtured in the principles of Bible truth. Dr. McKeen first joined the little church in Vershire, now almost extinct, and received his theological training at the feet of Rev. Stephen Fuller, the pastor of the same church. Both of these brethren were the product of small country churches, and, though quite different in their natural characteristics, were eminent for their intellectual ability, good judgment, piety, and soundness of doctrinal views. They received the impress in their characters of the faith and virtues of their fathers. They have transmitted the same faith and virtues untarnished to those who came after them. It is worth the while to nourish and keep alive churches that can produce such men.

THE TREASURY.

From the report of the Treasurer it will be seen that the *receipts* from all sources during the year have been $10,689.36. Of this sum $5,089.07 came from donations and contributions for work in the Ordinary Department; and $1,252.36 for Itinerant work. The total receipts for both these departments, from donations and contributions, have been less than the year previous by $536.19.

In regard to a falling off of receipts during the year, the following facts should be noticed. 1st, Whereas the year previous $1800 were received from legacies, the past year only $584.4 have come from that source. 2d, The appeals from the American Home Missionary Society were so urgent during a part of the year, that more of the churches than usual, and some of them among the largest givers, sent all of their contributions directly to New York, for the relief of the National Society. So that while that Society received a larger amount of contributions and donations from the State than it did the year before, by $359.32, our State Society received less. The whole amount sent from the churches, including legacies, directly to the national Society, is $3,526.66. 3dly, It is also true that several of the churches gave a lower average of contributions than they have in years past,

and have very generally assigned as a reason that they had less money to give.

The *disbursements* have been, in the Ordinary Department, $6296.42, and in the Itinerant $939.10; so that what we have paid out in the prosecution of our work has been $1,332.20 in excess of our income. The only thing that has saved us from a serious debt, or from a worse evil — the cutting down of the quarterly payments to the missionaries—was the balance of $3,015.12 which was in the treasury at the beginning of the year.

As our receipts are always small, during the first months of the year, when the churches are most of them engaged in relieving the foreign missionary Society from its threatened embarassments, the balance in the treasury is likely to be early exhausted. We appeal therefore to the individual members of this Society, who have its welfare at heart; to the ministers, in whose care are the spiritual interests of the State; to the churches, all of whom suffer with the weak,—to unite their efforts and use their influence, from the beginning of the year, to make an advance in the contributions, coming from all sources, to forward this work. Whatever needs to be done, to keep alive and increase the vigor of the feeble churches in the State, God has made it our duty to do, and the growth and prosperity of the strong churches are as much involved in its being well done as is the continued life and efficiency of the weak ones.

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length of Commission.	Aid pledged.	Months of Labor.	Hopeful Conversions.	Added.		Removed			Resident Members.	Male Residents.	Non-Residents.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath School.	Contributions.	
								By Confession.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excluded.						Home Missions.	Other Objects.
1	Albany	Samuel W. Chapin,	June 1, 1877	12	$200	12	10	8	1	1	0	0	36	15	4	90	100	.....	$6 20
2	Alburgh	Richard Hicks,	April 1, 1877	12	200	12	11	12	2	1	2	0	68	19	22	100	90	$23 00	25 00
3	Arlington East	Julius C. McCollom,	Jan. 1, 1878	12	200	12	2	1	0	0	2	0	37	7	9	80	50	10 25	.....
4	Bethel	Elbridge Gerry,	June 1, 1877	12	100	12	0	3	1	3	2	0	36	10	14	100	80	12 50	11 54
5	Braintree	Charles W. Dealtry,	Nov. 1, 1877	12	200	7	6	5	0	0	1	0	30	9	25	70	50	5 00	0
6	Burke East	Matthew A. Gates,	Sept. 15, 1876	12	100	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	57	22	10	85	73	9 42	6 62
7	Cambridgeport	Amos Holbrook,	April 1, 1878	8	50	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	29	7	2	85	58	0	0
8	Charleston West	William T. Herrick,	June 1, 1877	12	150	12	0	0	1	0	5	0	66	27	18	112	175	37 50	131 33
9	Colchester	Alanson S. Barton,	Jan. 1, 1878	12	150	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	44	8	14	85	75	15 00	22 00
10	Danby	Lucian D. Mears,	April 1, 1878	12	200	12	2	6	3	0	0	0	18	4	9	44	75	9 65	7 46
11	Essex Junction	John Cowan,	Jan. 1, 1878	12	100	....	3	3	0	0	0	0	36	11	18	90	90	11 74	7 80
12	Granby & Victory	Charles Duren,	April 1, 1878	12	.....	12	2	0	1	7	1	0	30	14	9	40	35	16 10	63 75
13	Greensboro	Moses Patten,	Dec. 1, 1877	12	100	6	2	0	3	0	0	0	50	19	13	94	120	20 00	46 23
14	Guildhall	Josiah G. Willis,	Sept. 1, 1877	12	200	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	38	12	18	70	40	10 00	0
15	Hartland	Robert D. Miller,	May 1, 1878	12	.....	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	45	9	0	65	60	17 00	49 50
16	Highgate	James P. Stone,	Oct. 1, 1876	12	200	4	0	0	0	3	1	0	27	10	18	60	60	0	4 00
17	Holland	James Hay,	Dec. 1, 1876	12	150	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	11	3	80	70	10 00	10 88
18	Hubbardton	John H. Thyng,	June 1, 1877	12	150	12	12	5	1	3	1	0	57	18	5	75	60	6 00	0
19	Jamaica	Amzi B. Emmons, / Orrin G. Baker,	April 1, 1877 / Jan. 1, 1878	12	200	6	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				12	200	5	4	4	2	2	0	0	59	20	2	75	52	32 66	26 57
20	Kirby	Matthew A. Gates,	Sept. 1, 1877	12	125	9	1	1	3	0	0	0	25	14	0	30	40	3 00	35 00
21	Ludlow	George H. French,	Mar. 1, 1878	12	125	3	3	1	2	2	0	0	57	18	35	110	94	36 61	63 11
22	Lunenburgh	George A. Perkins,	Nov. 1, 1876	12	150	5	4	0	0	0	1	0	65	21	30	93	85	13 33	45 75
23	Marshfield	Nelson F. Cobleigh, / Paul H. Pitkin,	May 15, 1876 / Feb. 1, 1878	12	200	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
				12	250	4	0	0	2	0	2	3	42	14	7	61	60	15 00	0
24	Middletown	Osborne Myrick,	Nov. 1, 1877	12	150	12	50	32	7	0	1	0	67	30	37	100	124	12 90	0

25	Montgomery Centre	Elias W. Hatch,	Jan. 1,	1878	12	.....	12	4	4	0	0	2	0	29	12	10	52	60	15	00	13	00
26	Morgan	William T. Herrick,	June 1,	1877	12	50	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	6		75	85	6	00	7	00
27	Morrisville	Vitellus M. Hardy,	May 1,	1877	12	50	5	6	2	0	0	0	0	110	38	18	150	200	20	00	15	00
28	Newbury West	Amzi B. Lyon,	June 1,	1877	12	200	12	0	0	4	1	1	0	42	17	6	75	80	17	11	33	84
29	Orange	Frederick Janes,	Aug. 1,	1877	3	75	3		.....	.....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....		.....	
		James L. Harrington,	Nov. 1,	1877	9	225	7	1	2	0	0	2	0	48	19	29	63	63	1	08	6	00
30	Pittsfield	Charles W. Clark,	April 1,	1877	12	100	11	5	1	0	2	1	0	47	17	11	94	30	6	12	31	10
31	Plainfield	Clark E. Ferrin,	Oct. 1,	1877	12	200	8	3	2	3	0	2	0	30	12	8	94	70	18	22	10	49
32	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent,	June 1,	1877	12	200	12	0	0	0	2	2	0	49	19	15	50	60	30	00	73	86
33	Roxbury	Alden Ladd,	Oct. 1,	1877	12	300	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	19	10	70	50	19	25	30	00
34	Royalton South	Sidney K. B. Perkins,	Dec. 1,	1878	12	200	12	1	1	3	2	2	0	52	17	8	100	120	15	00	5	00
35	Saxton's River	Amos Holbrook,	Dec. 1,	1877	12	100	12	0	2	4	1	0	0	76	27	14	111	95	16	00	43	00
36	St. Johnsbury Centre	Rowland S. Cross,	July 1,	1877	12	175	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	55	21	33	90	60	.....		6	72
37	Stockbridge	Charles W. Clark,	April 1,	1877	12	125	11	3	4	0	2	2	0	51	16	19	70	100	15	30	41	00
38	Strafford	Henry Cummings,	Sept. 1,	1877	12	150	12	3	3	1	0	1	0	52	16	8	65	85	40	00	99	00
39	Sudbury	Henry F. Rustedt,	Sept. 1,	1876	12	200	3		.....	.....	....	....	..	19		..	60	18	.....		.....	
40	Townshend West	Christopher J. Switzer,	May 1,	1878	12	150	1		.....	.....	....	....	..	....		..	....	....	.....		.....	
41	Troy South	Royal D. Metcalf,	May 1,	1878	12	200	1	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....		....	....	....	.....		.....	
42	Tunbridge	George W. Osgood,	Jan. 1,	1878	12	200	5	2	1	6	7	2	1	36	13	0	66	30	7	87	20	07
43	Wardsboro So	Edward F. Abbott,	May 1,	1877	12	200	11	12	0	0	0	5	0	36	13	20	50	50	8	75	7	05
44	Waterville	Joseph Garland,	May 1,	1878	12	100	1	...	.....	.....	....	....	...	....		..	....	....	5	00	.....	
45	West Fairlee	Solon Martin,	June 1,	1877	12	200	12	10	6	0	0	4	0	47	22	16	65	50	20	45	35	00
46	Williston	Frederick W. Olmsted,	July 1,	1877	12	100	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	50	17	17	75	40	34	33	65	00
47	Wilmington	Artemas C. Field,	April 1,	1877	12	200	11	0	0	0	1	1	0	47	15	29	65	50	7	50	21	00
48	Wolcott	James S. Bates,	May 1,	1878	12	.....	12	5	0	5	0	3	1	47	18	21	63	101	18	00	44	00
49	Woodbury	Horace Herrick,	May 15,	1878	12	200	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	47	18	5	100	100	5	20	0	
50	Worcester	Royal D. Metcalf,	June 1,	1877	12	200	8	1	1	0	0	1	0	26	6	22	75	70	12	00	6	38
		P. H. Carpenter,	.....	.....	....	.....	4	....	.....	.....	....	....	..	.		..	....	....	.....		.....	

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBANY. A decided gain has been made during the year. So discouraged were many in the Society, a little more than a year since, that they were ready to give up further effort, and rent their house of worship to another denomination for a series of years. They have now an efficient acting pastor, in whom they are united, have received eight by confession of faith during the year, and are looking hopefully to the future. Inside shutters have been put into the church at a cost of $50.00, and their minister has been ordained.

2. ALBURGH. An excellent parsonage has been completed, on which their is a debt of $800 or more, but the church are zealously trying plans to pay it. There has been a healthy religious interest manifest, resulting in several hopeful conversions. The temperance cause has received a new impulse. The pastor finds a hopeful field for patient and faithful labor.

3. ARLINGTON EAST. The church has lost by death Dea. P. C. Atwood, one of its most active and worthy members, at the ripe age of eighty-two years. Removals are still against it. It has however reduced the debt on its parsonage from $1000 to $500.

4. BETHEL. A small fire, destroying a considerable part of the business portion of the village, together with the removal of an important manufacturing establishment, has affected somewhat the pecuniary ability and the numbers of the congregation. Several persons outside of the church are liberal contributors to public worship. A union of this church and that at Gaysville, in the support of the same minister, seems to be a feasible thing and would be a great saving of missionary funds. It is hoped that the plan may find favor with both churches.

5. BRAINTREE HILL. After many years of dependance upon the Itinerant Department for preacing through the summer, this church has a minister for the year. They have a comfortable parsonage with several acres of land. Five have been added to the church by confession, and one young man, trained up has finished his course at the theological seminary, and takes up Christian work in a missionary church in another part of the State.

6. BURKE EAST. This church has received aid only a part of the year. As the missionary ministered part of the time to another church, it has been enabled to pay its proportion of the salary without aid. Some causes of difference have sprung up during the year that have disturbed the harmony of the parish.

7. CAMBRIDGEPORT. This church has been without Congregational preaching for two or three years past, and are suffering from a weakness and division of interest which is apt to result from a feeble church's inviting a minister of another denomination to labor among them. Rev. Amos Holbrook, acting pastor of the church at Saxton's River, is now preaching for them every Sunday afternoon. It is hoped that they will gather strength and profit by past experience.

8. CHARLESTON WEST. The missionary writes: "We have lost some valuable members during the year, and a little pecuniarily. The church has been obliged to repurchase its parsonage, at a loss of $600, in addition to what they secured from the bankrupt estate of the man who gave a warranty deed of it, but did not have it released from a mortgage that covered it with other property. Our new members, received two years ago, seem mostly to be growing members."

9. COLCHESTER. The missionary says in his report: "Within a few months past we have met with serious losses. Two members have gone to their rest and reward. Our senior deacon has found it necessary, for the present at least, to go to reside with a daughter in a neighboring town. Two of our prominent families have been broken up by business reverses, and by these removals our choir has lost much — our chorister and organ player — both excellent in their places, besides other members of the choir. I never was in a field where so much seemed inevitably to fall on the pastor, i. e., so much that he must do, if it is done at all."

10. DANBY. The year has been one of gain, and the missionary is encouraged. Fellowship meetings were followed with good results. There has been some increase in attendance on the Sabbath services and Sabbath school. The weekly offering has been adopted for home expenses. Contributions for benevolent objects have increased. A new singing book has been introduced, adapted to Congregational singing. Sixteen united with the church on confession, and a better feeling exists in the community toward the church.

11. ESSEX JUNCTION. Special services, held for three weeks last fall, resulted in several hopeful conversions, and a developing of the piety of the church members. The monthly concert has attracted more interest and a missionary spirit has been manifest. The Sabbath School has prospered under the superintendence of Mr. D. Macomber, who has successfully held that office for eighteen years. Though some of the members have been much crip-

pled by business failures, yet the church has, on the whole, gained in strength and influence.

12. GRANBY AND VICTORY. This church is kept small by emigration. That it is doing a grand work in the fitting of the young for positions of influence may be gathered from the following statements by the missionary. "One young lady, having completed a course of normal study, is now teaching in Illinois. Another is pursuing her studies at the Normal School. A young man is studying at St. Johnsbury hoping to prepare himself for the ministry." "In looking over the names of members of the Sabbath School three years ago, I find that twenty-seven of them have moved, and the new names are only six, making a net loss of twenty-one. The largest class in the school, owing to removals, has changed its teacher three times within a year."

13. GREENSBORO. After twenty-four years of self-support, many of them having been years of much prosperity, this church has again sought aid from this society. It is a question worthy of their careful consideration, whether they cannot better afford by a little more self-denial to raise the entire salary of their pastor, than to part with their independence, and become pensioners upon the bounty of the churches. A pastor has been installed within the year.

14. GUILDHALL. Religious services have been sustained through the year. No marked change has taken place in the outward life of the church. What germinating of the seed there may have been beneath the surface, we know not.

15. HARTLAND. Some extra meetings were held last winter by members of the Young Men's Christian Association, but with no very marked permanent results. The missionary labors on faithfully in the patience of hope, looking for the gracious manifestation of the Spirit. The church asks for $100 less for the coming year.

16. HIGHGATE. The missionary, Rev. J. P. Stone, closed his labors here the 1st of last October. The condition of things seemed to him quite discouraging. The church has since secured the services of Rev. J. H. Babbitt, of Swanton, who preaches to them every Sabbath afternoon. By that arrangement they receive no help from the Missionary Society.

17. HOLLAND. The missionary left at the close of his year, December 1, 1877, since which time the church has been without regular preaching. There is some lack of perfect confidence and harmony in the church that is an obstacle to religious prosperity.

18. HUBBARDTON. The missionary reports a season of religious interest; greater attention to preaching; the strengthening and encouragement of the church, and an increase of moral influence in the community.

19. JAMAICA. Rev. A. B. Emmons left this church, much to their regret, October 1, 1877, after about three years of faithful and successful labor. By a kind Providence they secured a successor, in whom they are united, who commenced his labors January 1st, 1878, and was ordained and installed as their pastor February 19th. Their prospects are hopeful.

20. KIRBY. The missionary, who has supplied this church in connection with East Burke, writes, "The little church in Kirby has gone very quietly and pleasantly through the year. It has no chance to do great things, or become large, but it does well with its means."

21. LUDLOW. After having been without the help of a stated pastor for some time, this church secured in March last the services of Rev. G. H. French, and their prospects are very hopeful.

22. LUNENBURGH. Aid was given this church to November, 1877. They continued to receive the services of G. B. Perkins through the winter, when he left for another field. The church has talked of uniting with some other church in employing the same minister. A greater spirit of self-denial and zeal in sustaining public worship seems to be needed, to prevent an increasing weakness.

23. MARSHFIELD. The vacancy caused by the dismission of Rev. N. F. Cobleigh has been happily filled by the installation of Rev. P. H. Pitkin. During the interval between Mr. Cobleigh's leaving and the coming of his successor, Rev. J. F. Stone labored here for several weeks with excellent results. The present missionary writes: "Thus far we have been prospered. Our congregation and Sunday-school have both grown in numbers, and in religious interest. In addition to the ordinary preaching service and the prayer meetings, a Bible class for young people; a 'class of Instruction and Social Culture,' which meets once a week, and a 'Class of Vocal Music,' for the young folks, have drawn together the pastor and youth of the community."

24. MIDDLETOWN. The missionary writes: "The week of prayer was regarded with more than usual interest. Immediately following we enjoyed the services of Misses Townsley and Buck for about ten days, when a most precious revival of religion commenced, which continued for seven weeks. The fruits of the

revival are remarkable in the conversion of many of the young, and the quickening of professors, besides leading some to resume the harness, who had long laid it aside. There have been repairs upon the vestry, and efforts are now being made to refit our church, which will be attended with considerable expense."

25. MONTGOMERY CENTRE. A feeling of encouragement, and an increase in the Sabbath school is reported from this church. The pastor of the church at East Berkshire ministers here a part of the time.

26. MORGAN. "Things in Morgan remain much as they were a year ago. I think the church is not weaker; I can hardly say that it is strengthened. My impression is that it stands quite as well in the community, and that your missionary has a little stronger hold on those outside of it. But the 'things that remain' in Morgan are feeble, and seem likely to remain so, without special divine interposition."

27. MORRISVILLE. The missionary closed his labors in Sept. and was dismissed from a field that improved under the faithful culture he gave it. In a review of his work he says: "In comparing the present with the condition of this church when I came here seven years since, I notice many changes. In making up an aggregate of additions to the church, I find that there have been added during my ministry, by letter, twenty-eight, by profession, forty-nine, total, seventy-seven." It is confidently believed that this church will need no more aid from our treasury.

28. NEWBURY WEST. The attendance upon public worship has been good. The missionary says: "With regard to present prospects, the church seems to me to be in a pretty good spiritual state, as such things are commonly reckoned, though far behind what they ought to be. Probably the prospect of growth is not great, still a population is supplied which would not otherwise be. I think that faithful labor may do a good deal for this church."

29. ORANGE. Early in the year the pastor was dismissed. After a few Sabbaths, Rev. F. Janes was employed for three months, when their former pastor returned and was re-engaged. Though the church members have suffered from financial reverses, they have been firm in their purpose to sustain public worship and are well united in their minister, who is laboring with fidelity.

30. PITTSFIELD. By reason of ill health, Rev. C. W. Clark who has for some years supplied this church and the one at Stockbridge, was obliged at the close of his year to leave. This town and Shoreham afford work enough for a minister to do.

31. PLAINFIELD. This church has within the year secured the services of Rev. C. E. Ferrin, and settled him as their pastor. The attendance on public worship is good, and a feeling of hopefulness and new strength pervades the church in having, for the first time for twenty-three years, a settled pastor.

32. RIPTON. The pastor writes: "I do not know as this church is any stronger spiritually, as it certainly is not pecuniarily, than it has been heretofore. But at my urgent advice, they have concluded to ask only one hundred dollars from the Missionary Society, with the understanding that I tithe my salary, nominally four hundred dollars, by accepting of three hundred and sixty. I proposed this in hope that my example may work eventually for the encouragement of the members towards the system of tithing themselves for the support of their own institutions. But another consideration with me was that I am not able to render the amount of service which ought to be expected from an able bodied and full-salaried minister in his prime."

33. ROXBURY. The missionary has been severely afflicted in the death of a faithful wife, whose simple faith, gentle manners, and consistent Christian character, were a living testimony to the reality of religion and the beauty of holiness. A want of perfect harmony and good will among the members of the church has been unfavorable to spirituality, and to the highest efficiency of the church.

34. ROYALTON SOUTH. The missionary says: "This has been a good year for this church. The congregation has increased, and there has been much interest taken in the Sabbath school. The young men of the church have been faithful to do their part of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. Two deacons have been elected, and accepted. The moral standard of the community is being raised from year to year."

35. SAXTON'S RIVER. The missionary who has labored very faithfully in this field, has, during the year, taken upon himself also the ministry of the little church in Cambridgeport. It is hoped that the church in Saxton's River will not long depend upon the Missionary Society.

36. ST. JOHNSBURY CENTRE. The reverses caused by fire and some financial failures have weakened the church in numbers and pecuniary ability. The present missionary expects to leave in July, and a feeling of discouragement seems to be in the ascendency just now.

37. STOCKBRIDGE. This is a united church, which have just lost their minister. They are hardly able, even with the help the

Missionary Society gives them, to sustain a minister alone. They have for several years united with Pittsfield in employing the same minister, but Pittsfield has made other arrangements for the coming year. They propose to form a union, if possible, with Bethel.

38. STRAFFORD. The year has been one of a good degree of prosperity. The church asks for $50 less aid than they had the year previous. The attendance on public worship is larger than the year before. Two preaching services on the Sabbath are sustained most of the year. A Sunday school teachers' meeting has been tried with success. One young man connected with the church is preparing for the ministry, and a young lady has gone to South Africa as a Christian teacher.

39. SUDBURY. Rev. H. F. Rustedt ceased his labors with this church in September last. In his last report he says: "And now my work at Sudbury, and probably my life's work are done. For twenty years at Sudbury, and for more than forty-one years in all, God has permitted me to preach the gospel, for which I try to thank him, and bow to his will. For the present I must rest. If in the future God has any work for me, I hope to be willing to serve. The resident church members are nineteen; four are in my own family; of the rest two are permanent invalids, and eight are over seventy years of age. The future of this church is, therefore, very cloudy, but God can do great things. To his gracious care I commend my charge." Rev. E. F. Abbott is now preaching in Sudbury.

40. TOWNSHEND WEST. This church has for several years enjoyed the services of Rev. J. B. Baldwin, an aged man, who was willing to serve for a very small salary. On his leaving them, they applied for aid in securing the services of another minister.

41. TROY SOUTH. This church brought to itself weakness, and almost death, by giving up their house of worship for three years to another denomination who have organized a rival church, and now divide with them the interest of the community. They have resumed the use of their house, and have stated public worship.

42. TUNBRIDGE. A pastor has been settled; "Songs for Christian Worship" have been introduced; a new manual has been adopted; district school-house meetings have been held by the help of lay members; the system of monthly offerings for the support of public worship is being tried with excellent success, and Christian discipline is giving the church a better standing.

43. WARDSBORO SOUTH. Extra meetings were held in the fall, and several conversions were reported, but none of them have united with the church. The missionary left at the end of his year, in May. The church is quite weak pecuniarily, but earnest in sustaining preaching.

44. WEST FAIRLEE. The missionary writes: "The year has been one of unusual interest with this little church. Though we have sustained heavy losses by death, there has been on the whole a small increase of membership. Christians have been quickened; the Sabbath school increased in numbers and interest; prayer meetings more frequent, with better attendance. Some, we hope, have been truly converted. Six have already been added to the church, and others are expected to offer themselves at some future time. One young man is preparing for the ministry. Those who have become interested are all young, and will not at present increase the pecuniary strength of the church, though they give promise of help in the future."

45. WILLISTON. Some repairs have been made upon the church and parsonage. Externally affairs are reported as in a prosperous condition. The church is largely composed of elderly members. There are some forms of error in the community hostile to evangelical truth.

46. WILMINGTON. After a seven years' pastorate the missionary left in April, saying in his report: "The church property has during this time increased one thousand dollars. Twenty-nine have been added to the church mostly by profession, fifteen have been dismissed, and seven have died." The church is feeling disheartened, thinking they will not be able to secure the services of another minister very soon. The church and society are clear of debt.

47. WOLCOTT. The following is from the report of the missionary: "The present condition of the church is good. We want to just hold on. A Young Men's Christian Association has been organized with better success than we expected. A great many school house meetings have been sustained and well attended. The Sabbath school has much increased in efficiency. A disastrous fire last summer and several consequent failures have weakened us financially, but we do feel stronger in God. Our conference fellowship meetings have been very profitable. The first of the series was with us, and since then we have been able to go at least twenty strong, ten miles to attend others. Some of our number have even for the first time in long lives, been inside a sister church, (one of the oldest churches in conference, too,) only twenty miles away."

48. WOODBURY. Preaching has been sustained through year. There seems to have been some loss of interest at So Woodbury. A few have not manifested that steadfastness t their profession demands. The missionary says: "Notwithsta ing the difficulties here in the way of the progress of Zion, religious interest and the church growing out of it, have d wonders for Woodbury. And if the institutions of religion can sustained here, it really seems to me that most beneficial res will follow."

49. WORCESTER. Mr. R. D. Metcalf left this field early January, and was immediately succeeded by Rev. P. H. C penter. The church is united and their condition on the wh hopeful.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

FIELDS AND MISSIONARIES.	BEGUN.	Months of labor.	Weekly Salary.	Traveling Expenses.	Amount Paid. By the People.	Amount Paid. By the Society.	Amount Paid. Total.	Average Congregation.
1. BERLIN WEST.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	45
J. F. Stone.....	June 1. 1878	7	$8 00	.....	.....	$56 00	.....	...
2. BRAINTREE HILL..	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	68
W. R Hague.....	May 23, 1877	18	8 00	$7 00	$25 00	126 10	$151 10	...
3. BRAINTREE EAST..	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	138
& BROOKFIELD W.	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Joseph R. Thrall....	Sept. 11, 1877	16	8 00	10 00	74 00	64 00	138 00	...
4. BRIDGEWATER	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	95
E. P. Armstrong....	May 26, 1877	18	8 00	18 00	133 00	29 00	162 00	...
W. F. Blockman....	May 18, 1878	2	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
5. CALAIS EAST.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	59
A. B. Cristy.....	May 25, 1877	12	8 00	10 35	15 00	91 35	106 35	...
C. H. Ricketts.....	Aug. 12, 1877	5	8 00	7 90	44 18	3 72	47 90	...
John J. Munro.....	May 6, 1878	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
6. MARSHFIELD.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	60
J. F. Stone.....	Jan. 4, 1878	7	.....	.....	80 00	25 00	105 00	...
7. SIMONSVILLE.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	85
J. R. Flint.....	May 13, 1877	16	8 00	7 75	10 00	125 75	135 75	...
C. J. Switzer.....	Dec. 28, 1877	17	7 00	.....	35 00	85 00	120 00	...
Arch. Hadden.....	May 24, 1878	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
8. SUDBURY.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	45
E. F. Abbott.....	May 1, 1878	4	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
9. TROY SOUTH.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	45
R. D. Metcalf.....	Feb. 15, 1878	11	5 27	.....	15 00	43 00	58 00	...
10. WARREN.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	90
L. B. Tenney.....	May 1, 1878	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. BERLIN WEST. Rev. J. F. Stone was commissioned missionary at large for six months, commencing June 1, 18 He spent several weeks in this field till other arrangements w made by the employment of Rev. W. Schofield to preach h

every Sabbath afternoon. This is a good plan. The two Congregational churches in this town can well go together, and by so doing support a minister without aid.

2. BRAINTREE HILL. After many years of supply by students, this church has engaged a minister for the year, and been transferred to the Ordinary Department.

3. BRAINTREE EAST and WEST BROOKFIELD. A minister has, during the year, been secured, and the people are supporting him without aid.

4. BRIDGEWATER. Considerable interest was manifest in religion last summer, in connection with the labors of Mr. Armstrong; and efforts were made to secure his services for a year, but failed. Meetings have opened hopefully this spring, and earnest efforts will be made to keep up preaching through the year.

5. CALAIS EAST. Meetings were well attended last summer, and were kept up by the people through the winter, a sermon being read and a session of the Sabbath school held every Sabbath. They have now secured the services of a young man for a year.

6. MARSHFIELD. After the dismission of Mr. Cobleigh, the church, being in somewhat of a discouraged state, Rev. J. F. Stone was requested to minister to them till another man could be secured. He did so, with general acceptance and to the profit of the people, till Mr. Pitkin was engaged.

7. SIMONSVILLE. More work than usual has been done in this field the past year. In addition to the labors of a student through the summer, Rev. C. J. Switzer preached to them four months during the winter and spring. The distinctively Christian element here is small, and much hard labor will be needed to materially change the spiritual aspect of the community.

8. SUDBURY. This church being so weak, and its numbers so few, the Directors thought best to transfer it to the Itinerant Department. It has a minister for the year, and, as it is the only church organization in town, it is very desirable to keep it up.

9. TROY SOUTH. Labor was recommenced here, by an itinerant missionary, after the church had been some three years without Congregational preaching. See under Ordinary Department.

10. WARREN. Labor was commenced here on the 1st of May by Mr. L. B. Tenney. The congregations are good, and the interest in religious matters is decided. Mr. Tenney is engaged

SUMMARY.

FIELDS AND LABORERS.

There have been employed during the year in missionary work sixty-three laborers — six more than the year previous, thirteen of whom have been connected with the Itinerant department. Forty-one years of service have been numbered in fifty-six fields. Twenty-eight missionaries have remained in the same fields through the year. Three pastors have been dismissed, and five have been installed. Three churches on our list last year, viz.: East Burke, East Berkshire and Morrisville, have maintained preaching through the year without aid. The following churches, not helped the year previous, have asked assistance during the year, viz.: Albany, Braintree, Hubbardton, Greensboro, Kirby, South Troy, Townshend West, and Williston. The missionary longest in service, Rev. H. F. Rustedt, who for twenty years preached with great ability and acceptance to the little church on Sudbury Hill, laid down his work last September, and, owing to the infirmities of age, retires from the active duties of the ministry.

RESULTS.

Though the results of the year's work are not all that could be hoped for, yet God's mercy has been over our churches, and He has kept covenant with his people. The year has been one of serious trial and disaster to several churches, by reason of failures in business, in some instances so involving the community that the pecuniary ability of many members has been diminished. Several churches on renewing their applications for aid, have found it almost impossible to bring up their subscription to one hundred and twenty-five per cent. on their grand list. Nine churches report no additions by confession, nor known cases of conversion. We never look upon such reports without a feeling of sadness, that even the feeblest church should pass a year without visible evidence of the Spirit's presence in the conversion of at least one soul. But there are years of such barrenness, sometimes, even in larger churches. They may be seasons of faithful seed-sowing and watering, perhaps of humiliation and needed discipline, to prepare the way for a new and better life. And, though the process of germination is not yet discernible, the seed may be taking root downward, and no feeling of despondency should stay the arm of the sower. Thirteen churches have a less membership than they had a year ago, showing that the work of death and emigration is making the weak weaker.

Several of the churches have, by God's blessing, enjoyed special seasons of revival. Those most favored are Albany, Alburgh, Hubbardton and Middletown. In the latter place, in connection with the labors of the Misses Townsley and Buck, some fifty persons were hopefully converted; thirty-two of whom have been gathered into the church, and new harmony and devotion characterize the whole body. The whole number of conversions in all the churches is one hundred and ninety-five, twenty-seven of which occurred in our Itinerant fields. The additions to the churches have been one hundred and eight by confession, and fifty-six by letter, — one hundred and sixty-four in all. The losses by deaths, dismissions and exclusion, have been one hundred and two — leaving a net gain of sixty-two. The contributions collected from these churches for benevolent objects have been $1,884.18, nearly seven hundred dollars of which came into our treasury.

YOKING CHURCHES.

The practice of uniting two adjacent churches under one minister is increasing in the State, and is a great saving in laborers and missionary funds. During the past year twenty-seven ministers in the State have each preached regularly in two different places — most of them in two different localities — every Sabbath, a few, on alternate Sabbaths, thus supplying fifty-four communities with religious privileges. All of these have not preached to two distinct churches. In some cases (like Glover and Corinth) the same church has two separate houses of worship, three or four miles apart, in which public worship is sustained. In other cases there exists some populous out-district where a considerable number of families cannot get to the centre, and so regular services are held near them every Sabbath. So that, while seventeen ministers have supplied regularly thirty-four churches, the other ten ministers have preached to churches occupying two different houses of worship or some large out-district, besides their central point. In two cases of this sort the out-districts lie in another State —the pastors at Wells River and McIndoes Falls each of them holding an afternoon service across the Connecticut river for the benefit of young and growing villages there. In one case of yoking, a Congregational church—that at Weathersfield Centre—is coupled with a Methodist, and supplied by a Methodist minister.

If it were not for this plan of yoking, ten at least of these yoked churches, which now draw nothing from our treasury, would call upon us for help to the amount of from $1500 to $2000 yearly. It is our habit to encourage, so far as can be done consistently, the uniting of two feeble churches, or of one strong and one feeble

one, under the ministry of the same pastor. Ministers are more ready to undertake this work than formerly; and churches, that have shaken off the traditional idea, that they must have a minister all to themselves, and have shared one with a neighboring church, find that, with a little more labor and responsibility on their part, the plan works well; especially when they can have a preaching service and Sabbath school every Sunday. And, while the demands are so great to meet the wants of the West, it becomes us to use all the economy we can to save both men and money for service there.

ITINERANT FIELDS.

The number of laborers in the Itinerant work have been fourteen, three more than the year previous. The diminishing number of fields in this department is owing, mainly, to the fact that several of these we have nursed with great care in past years, have outgrown this form of work, and been received into the Ordinary Department. This has occurred within a few years past in the case of Braintree, East Braintree and West Brookfield, Holland, Orange, Waterville and Woodbury. All of these have had the past year preaching by an ordained minister. There was considerable religious interest resulting in several hopeful conversions in Bridgewater last summer, and the young man now laboring there reports a hopeful condition of things. The people have an increasing feeling that they must have the ministry of the word through the year, and this end we have strong hopes of accomplishing during the present year. The religious condition of East Calais is improving. The Christian people there kept up reading meetings and a Sabbath-school through last winter, and a young man who has completed two years at Union Theological Seminary, has been engaged this spring to preach for them for a year. He is already at work with promise of usefulness. A young man has also been engaged to preach in Warren for the year. Simonsville has been supplied for two thirds of the year, and has a laborer for the summer.

The work done in this department has added several to the numbers of our churches; saved several others from extinction, and supplied many communities with the ministry of the word, that otherwise would have been destitute of all evangelical preaching. And though it may never embrace as many fields as it did years ago, it is a most important branch of our work, is capable of some enlargement, and never secured more valuable results than it has done during the past ten years.

OUT-DISTRICT WORK.

The ideal end we wish to reach, and at which we should constantly aim so far as our State missionary work is concerned, is to bring all of the people under the influences of the gospel. We ought not to be satisfied as long as there are any communities or neighborhoods unsupplied with religious privileges, or any children for whom no Sabbath-school opens its doors. This work, in its full extent, never can be done by the Domestic Missionary Society alone. There is a part of it which belongs to the individual churches to do, and which is not done by simply taking an annual collection for home missions. They have a personal missionary work to do on the borders of their own parish, and because there has been great neglect on the part of many churches in putting their hands to this work, our State missionary work drags and hangs heavily on the Missionary Society. There are very few churches that have not some missionary work to do in their out-districts, in the border-lands between them and the next parishes. Thousands of families dwell in these localities that never are seen inside of a church, and are never visited by the members of our churches, with the intent of carrying to them the word of life, and winning them to the service of God. Many of them adopt the isms and religious errors which, like weeds, spring up spontaneously, and have a rank growth where no spiritual culture is bestowed, and the seed of the kingdom is not persistently sowed.

This is missionary work that belongs to the individual churches to do. It is their peculiar work, appointed to them of God, and nobody can do it for them. It is a work that involves much labor, patience and trial of faith, but on the faithful and persistent doing of it depends the salvation of many souls and the enlargement, not to say continued existence, of some of our churches. They need to do it that the grace of God that is in them, like leaven, may leaven all the surrounding neighborhoods, and extend the influence of the church, as a saving power, into every community and family within its legitimate bounds; and these bounds reach out on all sides to where they meet the active influence of the neighboring churches. This missionary work needs to be done by our churches, not simply for the salvation of those destitute families who are thus to be reached by them, but as a necessary condition and means of their own growth.

If a man would grow as a Christian he must do something. He must *do some work for Christ.* Something that involves thought, time, labor, prayer, self-denial, and the good of others.

If a church would vindicate its right to be called a church of Christ, it must not simply build itself a beautiful and expensive

house of worship; supply itself with a popular minister, and a skilled organist and choir; take up an annual collection for foreign and home missions; delight itself in its own fellowship, and selfishly enjoy its high privileges, but it must put on its working attire, take upon itself the calling of a servant of Christ, and by patient, continued self-denying labor, go forth, as did the Master, into all the regions around to benefit and save men. Some of the seventy lay-helpers, consecrated to the two-and-two work, which Christ taught his disciples to do, should be found in every church to go into every neighborhood and family whither Christ himself would come. And if they do this in his spirit they will find that the Master is not far behind, if he has not gone before them.

If this work were faithfully done in all our churches, as indeed it is attempted in some, nearly all of them would have a larger congregation and membership, and, what is more, would be stronger in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ. Some of the churches that are now too weak to sustain preaching without help, have become so, in part, by neglecting this very work, till they have lost their religious health and power, and the ungodly communities about, which they have done nothing to reclaim, have so increased upon them as to threaten their utter extinction. Having left the weeds to grow unchecked around the borders of their vineyard, the vine itself is deprived of its needful nourishment and has begun to die. Some of our (so called) strong churches are letting their strength depart from them, and are becoming spiritually weak, by not giving exercise to their graces in doing this their appointed, aggressive Christian work.

Every church, if it has not done so already, needs to take up this work in sober earnestness as something it is *never* to lay down. It needs to do it thoroughly, so as thereby to increase its strength and lengthen the diameter of its influence to the farthest possible extent. It should have a permanent committee to take the oversight of it, hold prayer meetings, Bible readings, and, if need be, establish Sabbath schools in destitute neighborhoods. As many as possible should be enlisted as visitors or helpers in this work. Every pastor should stand ready to do his full share in it. This is a part of our *State* missionary work that devolves upon the *individual churches* to do.

COUNTY MISSIONARY WORK.

Besides this missionary work belonging to individual churches to do, in the belt of territory lying immediately around them, there is also work in each county, which cannot be said to belong to any one church in particular, but to them all in common. And this also is a work which cannot be discharged by taking an an-

nual collection for domestic missions. It must be done by the united churches of the county, and we are glad to know that in some localities efforts are made to do it.

In every county there are some small or sparsely settled towns or parts of towns, frequently unsupplied with evangelical preaching for months or years at a time, which should be the care of the churches in the county. There are also feeble churches often discouraged and in need of sympathy and help. They sometimes feel that they are alone and no one cares for them. There are in most of these a few excellent members, that have struggled hard and long to sustain public worship. They have paid liberally, some of them extravagantly, to keep up Christian ordinances, but have had few helpers, all the responsibility of raising the salary, lighting and warming the church, paying arrearages and keeping up the prayer meeting, has come upon them. No one of the stronger churches seems to appreciate their burdens or comes to them to lighten their load by talking it over with them, and giving to them a word of cheer, a hearty shake of the hand, a sympathizing look of the eye and a "God bless you." Perhaps they are without a minister. They know not where to find one, and are afraid they cannot sustain one if they should. They are cast down almost in despair. They want some expression of interest from others; some friendly encouragement and advice from sister churches. And as these often seem to care nothing for them, and volunteer no help or sympathy, they are sometimes tempted to doubt the loving care and sympathy of the Master. They are human, and they need to have the love of Christ reach them through human instruments, through the fellowship of the saints; through the loving words and acts of fellow disciples, who are not weighted with the same burdens that have brought them low. They faint for the fellowship of the churches, and what is the fellowship of the churches but a name, if it is not for time of need, and those who need it? What is it for if not to succor the weak, support the feeble knees and hands that hang down? What is strength given to the strong churches for if it is not to bear the burdens of the weak and so fulfil the law of Christ? The strong churches are verily at fault for leaving these feeble churches, in the next towns as they too often do, to bear their burdens alone. It is contrary to every principle of church fellowship to do so.

It has happened during the past ten years, in several instances, that feeble churches, left without a minister, without any sympathy or encouragement from sister churches, have felt themselves isolated and friendless, and have finally been led in their distress to employ a minister of another denomination who offered them his sympathy and his services. The consequences generally have

been that the church, meeting-house and all, have been carried over to another denomination, or the preacher has used his position to divide the people and organize another church of his own denomination, and so two feeble rival churches exist on ground where there was but one, and where that one would have continued to supply all of the religious needs of the community if it had received the encouragement and sympathy it needed in the time of its greatest despondency and trial. The feeble churches in the State have seriously suffered in the past from absence of systematic and ready Christian fellowship on the part of the stronger churches. Indeed, on the tombstones of some of them that are no more should be inscribed, "*Died for lack of the fellowship of the churches*"; and over the doors of some of the stronger churches, "*Guilty of suffering a neighboring sister church to perish for want of practical sympathy and help.*"

Now what is needed, what should be done, is for the stronger churches to cultivate the acquaintance of the feebler ones. Go to them with words of cheer. Hold fellowship meetings or circular conferences with them and draw them out to attend such meetings in other places. This duty of all the churches in a county to its destitute communities and to the feeble churches should find practical acknowledgement and expression in the appointment, every year, by the county conferences, of a working missionary committee, whose duty it should be to make a careful inspection of all the towns in the county and become acquainted with their religious needs. They should visit the feeble churches, and if any one is or should become destitute of a pastor, they should spare no pains to secure for it another, and not give over the attempt till they have succeeded. They should notify any individual church or minister of any service they can render to the destitute in the county. They should endorse all applications for aid sent from the feeble churches in their county, and make a full report of their doings at the annual county conference. By such a working, practical expression of missionary effort and the fellowship of the churches, our State missionary work would be far better done than it ever has been.

NATIONAL WORK.

While we thus try to do more effectively the missionary wor[illegible] God has assigned us in this State, let us also remember and see[illegible] to meet the calls that come to us from the West with its ne[illegible] States and territories, and the needy churches there. The great[illegible]y increased emigration that is pressing this season into the wilde[illegible]ness of the West, will demand new missionaries, and more fund[illegible]s. The imperative necessity of dispatch, energy and fidelity in doi[illegible]g our home missionary work through the whole land, has be[illegible]n

pressed upon our attention during the past year. The constantly irritating conflicts which are occurring between capital and labor, show the necessity of having the hearts of both the rich and the poor, the employer and employed, so enlightened and controlled by the truth and Spirit of God, that the principles of righteousness revealed in God's word, may, in all matters of difference, be acknowledged as the ultimate ground of appeal to which all shall bow. The terrible scenes of mob violence that were enacted last summer over so wide an extent of our country; the agrarian and communist notions which have come to us from Europe, and show such rank growth, associated with the boldest infidelity, show us our danger and the wide extent and difficulty of our work.

These evil forces must be met at all points and corrected, under God, by Christian life and labor and gospel truth, or violence and ungodliness will overrun our churches, our institutions of learning, and our republican form of government. There can be little doubt that there is to be a great conflict in this land between good and evil; between Christianity and infidelity; between Christ and Belial. And though we believe that the victory will be with the church, yet it can be so only in connection with her earnest prayers and labors to meet and vanquish theoretical and practical error at every point. Home missionary work must be done by individual churches to all within their reach. It must be done by our County Conferences, by our State and National Societies; among the poor, neglected and depraved; everywhere; in city and in country; in the old and in the new States; among the descendants of the Puritans; the Catholic Irish; the Socialist and Infidel; French and Germans; the Negroes of the South, and the Mongolians of the West. And, in the power of Christianity brought to bear by all our churches upon the evil elements in society, is our only hope. If our churches are true to the spirit of our fathers, and to the commands of the Captain of our Salvation, in preaching His gospel to every creature, they will come off victorious. The powers of evil that are gathering for the conflict, will become subaltern. "*And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people and saints of the Most High.*"

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VT. DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 12TH, 1878.

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.			
CORNWALL	$35 00		
MIDDLEBURY—Church and Soc., $66.52; Ladies' Miss. Soc. $60.10; Sabbath school, $14.35	80 87	60 10	
NEW HAVEN	89 36		
RIPTON	25 00		
SHOREHAM	23 00		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
ARLINGTON EAST—Church and Soc. $10.25; Rev. C. Redfield, $5	15 25		
BENNINGTON—1st Church	25 00		
BENNINGTON—2d Church, to const. Mrs. C. S. Hurlbert, Miss C. H. Hubbard, Mrs. E. G. Read, Miss Julia Bingham, and Miss Kate J. Penfield, Life Members	79 66		
DORSET	18 61		
MANCHESTER—to const. Dea. S. G. Cone a L. M. of A. H. M. S. $45.29; Sab. school for A. H. M. S. $31.50	76 79		
PERU	10 00		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET—to const. Mr. Claude Laughlin a L. M. of A. H. M. S	37 82		
McINDOES FALLS	16 00		
BURKE EAST	9 42		
DANVILLE	39 00		
HARDWICK EAST	18 00		
LYNDON	40 00		
LYNDONVILLE	11 70		
PEACHAM—$49.46; Mrs. M. Underwood, $1	50 46		
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST	35 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY—North Church	2 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY—Hon. Horace Fairbanks	250 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY—South Church	305 65		
ST. JOHNSBURY—Mr. Thaddeus Fairbanks		500 00	
ST. JOHNSBURY—E. & T. Fairbanks & Co	$1000		
WATERFORD, LOWER—$48.75; Miss Annie M. Wells, Huguenotte Seminary, Wellington, So. Africa, $10	58 75		
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BURLINGTON—1st Church	120 14		
BURLINGTON—3d Church	170 98		
CHARLOTTE—$32.50; Rev. C. C. Torrey, $10	42 50		
COLCHESTER	13 00		
ESSEX CENTRE—Dea. Cyrus Farrand	2 00		
ESSEX JUNCTION	34 65		
JERICHO CENTRE—$19.65; A Friend, $15.00	34 65		
RICHMOND	20 45		

CHITTENDEN COUNTY—CONTINUED.	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
UNDERHILL—$6; Ladies' Cent Society, $10.33	$6 00	10 33	
WESTFORD	24 00		
WILLISTON	25 00		
WINOOSKI	5 00		
ESSEX COUNTY.			
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GUILDHALL—$5; Mrs. R. Chase, $5	10 00		
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BERKSHIRE EAST	7 50		
ENOSBURGH—Dea. G. Adams	5 00		
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FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE		8 50	
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STOWE—$20.13; Ladies' Cent Society, $9.37	20 13	9 37	
WATERVILLE	5 00		
WOLCOTT	19 00		
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRADFORD—$27.78; Ladies' Cent Society, $24.32, to const. Mrs. Ida M. Johnson a L. M. of A. H. M. S.	27 78	24 32	
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BRAINTREE EAST AND WEST BROOKFIELD	5 00		74 00
BROOKFIELD—1st Church	13 85		
CHELSEA	30 00		
CORINTH	14 09		
NEWBURY—$105.80, of which $30.00 from Mr. E. Hale, to const. Mrs. F. P. Kelton a L. M. of A. H. M. S.; by Church and Society Mrs. Nellie Bailey, and Miss Mary E. Tenney are made L. M's; Mr. F. Keyes $50.00	158 80		
NEWBURY WEST	17 11		
ORANGE	10 88		
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VERSHIRE—H. Colton & Son	10 00		
WELLS RIVER—$32.01; Mrs. C. Brock $10.00	42 01		
WEST FAIRLEE	20 45		
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
ALBANY	5 05		
BROWNINGTON AND BARTON LANDING	4 15		
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DERBY	5 00		
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The VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY held its Annual Meeting at Rutland, June 12, 1878, the President, M. H. Buckham, D. D., presiding.

The report of the Treasurer was presented and adopted.

The President made a short address, and then introduced Rev. George A. Boardman, D. D., Professor in Chicago Theological Seminary, who addressed the Society.

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The Society then adjourned.

A. B. SWIFT, *Secretary*.

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The Treasurer's Report shows receipts from the churches the year ending June 11, 1878, as follows:

Church and Society,	Woodstock	$6	00
" "	West Brattleboro	8	26
" "	St. Albans, (First Ch.)	39	14
" "	Jamaica	12	00
" "	Northfield	11	17
" "	Springfield	28	58
" "	Thetford	20	12
" "	Bradford	16	00
" "	Westminster	5	00
" "	Brattleboro, (Centre Ch.)	50	37
" "	Bennington, (Second Ch.)	52	50
" "	Orwell	10	00
" "	Enosburgh	11	00
" "	Peacham	14	38
		$284	

To the Parent Society:

Barnet, Church and Society	$9	28
Benson, J. Kent, Jr.,	1	50
Hartford Church and Society	5	35
Orwell " "	2	00
Pittsford " "	25	00
St. Johnsbury North Church and Society	13	00
New Haven Church and Society	14	42
A. Woolson, Esq.,	210	00
Hon. F. Billings	100	00
Refunded Loan	50	00
	$430	55

Bequest of Mrs. R. S. Nichols, Enosburgh	$25	00
Bequest of Mrs. H. S. Davidson, Springfield	1863	00
	$1888	00

Whole amount $2603 00

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. Jonathan Clement, H. F. Leavitt, Aldace Walker, Harvey D. Kitchel, M. H. Buckham, William H. Lord, Charles S. Smith, Alfred Stevens, Joseph Chandler, Joseph Torrey, Julius Converse, Franklin Fairbanks, John A. Page, L. L. Dutcher, James W. Hickok, and their associates, who shall be the members of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, and which members shall continue such associates for one year from the time of the adjournment of the Convention of which they are members, and till others become members in their stead, are hereby constituted a corporation and body politic by the name of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont; and by that name may sue and be sued; may have a common seal; and shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges of a corporation, for the purpose of receiving, taking care of and managing all funds, property and money which has heretofore, or may hereafter, come to the care, control, management, custody, or ownership of said Convention, or any trustee, officer, or person for said Convention, by whatever form or mode said funds, property, or money may have been, or may hereafter be conveyed, given, transferred, bequeathed or devised to such Convention, or to the denomination of Christians called and known by the name of Congregationalists, or any branch thereof.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called by two or more of the persons named in the first section of this act, and which meeting shall be at the time and place of the next General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, a notice of which meeting shall be published at least three successive weeks in the *Vermont Chronicle*, published at Windsor, Vermont.

SEC. 3. At said meeting and all other annual meetings of said corporation shall be chosen a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five trustees, who shall hold their respective offices one year, and till others are chosen or appointed.

SEC. 4. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall respectively perform the offices usually performed by such officers, and such as may be imposed upon them by the by-laws. The Secretary

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CONSTITUTION.

OBJECT.

ART. 1. The object of the Convention is to promote the harmony, fellowship and efficiency of the churches, and their co-operation in Christian work.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD.

ART. 2. The Convention receives as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity as they are for substance stated in the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865; these doctrines are understood by us to be those which from the beginning have been received by the Congregational Churches of New England.

COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION.

ART. 3. Every association of ministers in the State receiving these doctrines is entitled to two delegates in the Convention; each association having eight ordained resident ministers, three delegates; and for every four additional members, an additional delegate. Every County Conference of Churches receiving the same faith is entitled to three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The minister of the parish where the meeting is held, appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, members of boards appointed by the Convention, officers of benevolent societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, and the person acting for the time as Editor of the *Vermont Chronicle* so long as the Chronicle maintains its present relations to this body, shall be members.

OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The officers of the Convention as prescribed by the act of incorporation are a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually, and to hold their respective offices from the final adjournment of the meeting at which they are chosen to the close of the next annual meeting. There shall also be appointed at each annual meeting, two or more boards of five each, to have the care of funds or any valuable interests intrusted to the Convention for the ensuing year, a Scribe, Assistant Scribe, and an Auditor of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of

the several boards having the management of funds, to serve at and during the meeting at which they are appointed; and once in five years, commencing with 1875, there shall also be appointed a Corresponding Secretary for the Convention, and Reporters of Statistics, and Receivers of Assessments for the several Conferences of Churches.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ART 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, at the proper time, to furnish the Reporters with a copy of the schedule prepared for collecting statistics under the direction of the Convention; to arrange the statistical parts of the reports when returned, for publication; and, from the facts reported, to present to the Convention during its session a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year.

DUTIES OF REPORTERS.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Reporters, each for his own Conference, to make report for the year ending Junuary first, agreeably to the blank schedule furnished them. These reports shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meeting of the Convention. In case of the absence of any Reporter, the duty of reporting shall devolve on the Register of the Conference.

TIME OF MEETING.

ART. 7. The Convention shall meet annually on the second Tuesday of June at 2 o'clock P. M.

VACANCIES.

ART. 8. If at any time, or from any cause, the office of Secretary, or of Corresponding Secretary of the Convention shall become vacant, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall immediately, by notification of each member in writing, convene the Board at a specified time and place, and, when so met, said Board shall by a majority vote appoint some person to fill the vacancy till the next annual meeting of the Convention or until a new election is made; and any person so appointed shall be a legal officer of the Convention.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 9. These articles shall not be altered except at an annual meeting and by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

Adopted June 17, 1874.

RULES OF BUSINESS AND ORDER.

1. To facilitate the preparing of the roll, members of the Convention are required to hand their certificates of membership to the Secretary, or to the Minister of the parish, as soon as practicable after reaching the place of meeting. No person shall be enrolled without credentials, unless by vote of the Convention.

2. The Annual meeting of the Convention shall be opened with a business session. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall take the chair, lead in prayer, call for the reading of the roll, and for the election of a Scribe and Assistant Scribe, when the docket of business prepared by the Secretary shall be read. In the absence of both President and Vice President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and after reading the roll, shall call for the election of a President *pro tempore*, who shall be chosen by ballot, and shall preside till the President or Vice President shall arrive, or till the close of the session.

3. The stated public exercises after the opening of the business session shall be as follows:

Tuesday Evening—Convention Sermon.

Wednesday Morning—Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

Wednesday Afternoon—Report of the Corresponding Secretary, to be followed by an essay.

Wednesday Evening—Anniversary of the Vermont Education Society, and addresses by representatives of such of our co-operative benevolent societies as the Convention by special vote may admit.

Thursday Morning—Discussion, introduced by the brethren appointed, those opening the discussion being limited to twenty minutes each, and those following to ten minutes each.

Thursday Afternoon—Conclusion of business and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

4. The committees to be appointed at each meeting are as follows: A Business Committee, through which all business not provided for in the Docket shall be brought before the Convention. A Nominating Committee, to nominate the officers provided for in the Act of Incorporation and in the Constitution, and the delegates to corresponding bodies. A Finance Committee, to make assessments on the Conferences. A Committee on Devotional Exercises, of which the Minister of the parish shall be the chairman. A Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to recommend the place for such meeting, nominate the preacher and substitute, select topics for the discussion and essay, and nominate persons to open the discussion and prepare the essay, with substitutes for each. These and all other committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise order, are to be nominated by the presiding officer in connection with the Secretary.

5. The meetings of the Convention each morning shall be opened with prayer, when the Scribe shall call the roll of members and read the minutes of the preceding day.

6. The President shall preserve order and decorum in the body, and when he takes part in any discussion, shall leave the chair, and address the Secretary.

7. No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, except by unanimous consent and after every other member who desires shall have spoken; and then the mover in the matter pending shall be permitted to speak in reply.

8. Every motion, except for adjournment, shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any two members desire it. No motion shall be acted on till seconded.

9. If any member in debating or otherwise shall transgress the rules of order or of propriety, the President shall, by his own authority, or at the request of any member, call him to order; and if a question shall arise concerning his being in order, it shall be decided without debate by an appeal to the body.

10. When two or more persons rise to speak at once, the President shall name the one who is first to speak.

11. No motion committed to writing shall be finally decided upon until it shall have had three several readings, if any member calls for it.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a stated time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged. On a motion for adjournment, for laying on the table, for indefinite postponement, there shall be no debate.

13. If the report of a committee contains only matters of fact for information, or of argument for the consideration of the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted ?* and that question, unless superseded by a motion to reject, to recommit, to postpone, or to lay on the table, shall be taken *without debate*. Such report, if accepted, is placed upon the files of the Convention, not entered upon the Minutes.

14. If a report is in, or terminates with the form of a vote, resolution, or declaration, expressing the judgment or testimony of the Convention, the question shall then be taken on the *adoption* of the report. If adopted, the vote, resolution, or declaration is entered upon the Minutes.

15. On the report of a Treasurer of a Board of Trustees or Directors, or of a Committee or other agent empowered to act for the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted and approved ?* which question may be divided if a division is called for.

16. The merits of any subject whose proper reference is to the Business Committee shall not be discussed in Convention until it has been referred to that Committee for consideration and report.

17. Members who may find it necessary to leave before the close of the meeting, are expected to give notice of the fact to the President.

18. If it becomes necessary to change the place of the annual meeting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in consultation with the President and Vice President, to select a place.

These By-Laws and Rules shall not be subject to alteration except by the consent of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

TIME OF MEETING.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD AND MEMBERSHIP.

The Convention meets on the second Tuesday of June annually. Its doctrinal standard is the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865. It is constituted as follows:

Every Association in the State holding this faith may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every additional four members. Every County Conference of like faith may send three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The Permanent Officers of the Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the Parish where the Convention is held, Appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, Members of Boards appointed by the Convention, Officers of Benevolent Societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, and the Editor of the *Vermont Chronicle*, are Members *ex officiis*. The Officers of the Convention are chosen annually except the Corresponding Secretary, who is elected for five years, the next election being in 1880. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of this Convention.

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES,

AND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

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REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. S. Knowlton; *Bennington Conference*—Rev. L. C. Partridge; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. C. W. Thompson; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. Austin Hazen; *Essex Conference*—Rev. C. Duren; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. A. B. Swift; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. J. G. Hale; *Orange Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. E. P. Wild; *Rutland Conference*—Rev. J. K. Williams; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen; *Windham Conference*—Rev. D. N. Goodrich; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. S. I. Briant.

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference—Rev. LAWRENCE PHELPS. Substitute, Rev. S. I. BRIANT.

To Troy Methodist Episcopal Conference—Rev. L. O. BRASTOW. Substitute, Rev. GEO. B. SAFFORD, D. D.

To the Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. ALLEN HAZEN, D. D. Substitute, Rev. S. K. B. PERKINS.

To the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. E. J. RANSLOW. Substitute, Rev. A. W. WILD.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Place—Chester.

Preacher—Rev. J. G. Johnson. Substitute, Rev. E. G. Read.

Essay—The Relation of the Family to the Church and State. M. H. Buckham, D. D. Substitute, Rev. E. T. Hooker.

Discussion—Do the Current Views of Evangelical Christians on the Subject of Inspiration need Reconsideration? Revs. J. H. Hincks and W. W. Winchester. Substitutes, Revs. J. D. Emerson and W. A. Bushee.

Committee on the Vermont Chronicle—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. J. G. Johnson.

Committee on Resolution in regard to Change of the Constitution—Rev. S. P. Wilder, Rev. R. T. Hall, Dea. Jos. Poland, Dea. J. G. Stimson, Hon. F. Fairbanks.

Committee on Resolution relating to Systematic Beneficence—Rev. J. Boardman, Rev. A. B. Swift, Rev. C. S. Smith, Hon. F. Fairbanks, Dea. R. A. Savage.

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MINUTES.

The GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the College Street Church, Burlington, June 10, 1879.

At two o'clock, P. M., the Convention was called to order by the President, Rev. GEO. B. SAFFORD, D. D., who offered prayer.

The Secretary, Rev. C. H. MERRILL, then read the roll of delegates who had presented their credentials, the names of members *ex officiis*, and the docket of business.

The following delegates having presented their credentials, were enrolled as members:

Addison Association—Rev. G. E. HALL, Rev. M. L. SEVERANCE, Rev. WM. N. BACON, Rev. S. KNOWLTON.

Bennington Association—Rev. L. C. PARTRIDGE, Rev. A. C. REED.

Caledonia Association—Rev. JOSEPH HAMMOND, Rev. N. R. NICHOLS, Rev. C. E. GORDON, Rev. N. F. COBLEIGH, Rev. B. S. ADAMS.

Lamoille Association—Rev. J. A. BATES, Rev. LYMAN BARTLETT.

Montpelier Association—Rev. J. P. DEMERITT, Rev. J. L. HARRINGTON, Rev. A. LADD.

North-Western Association—Rev. CHARLES VAN NORDEN, Rev. J. H. BABBITT.

Orange Association—Rev. S. L. BATES, Rev. J. T. CLOSSON.

Orleans Association—Rev. JOSEPH BOARDMAN, Rev. LAWRENCE PHELPS, Rev. C. B. THOMAS, Rev. JOHN FRAZER.

Royalton Association—Rev. W. A. BUSHEE, Rev. S. K. B. PERKINS, Rev. E. E. HERRICK.

Rutland Association—Rev. OSBORN MYRICK, Rev. GEO. H. MORSS, Rev. CALVIN GRANGER, Rev. E. T. HOOKER.

White River Association—Rev. ALLEN HAZEN, D. D., Rev. L. W. HICKS.

Windham Association—Rev. LEWIS GROUT, Rev. N. F. CARTER, Rev. GEO. PORTER, D. D., Rev. EARL J. WARD.

Winooski Association—Rev. G. P. Byington, Rev. John Cowan, Rev. H. A. P. Torrey, Rev. F. W. Olmsted, Rev. J. E. Goodrich, Rev. J. D. Emerson.

Addison Conference—Rev. W. W. Winchester, Dea. J. E. Crane.

Bennington Conference—Rev. E. G. Read, Bro. Thos. E. Brownell, Dea. Samuel Chandler.

Caledonia Conference—Rev. F. B. Phelps, Rev. W. W. Thayer, Dea. W. R. Monteith.

Chittenden Conference—Bro. L. M. Stevens, Bro. A. B. Halbert.

Essex Conference—Bro. L. B. Tenney.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Rev. C. P. Watson, Dea. A. R. Manning, Dea. E. P. Adams.

Lamoille Conference—Rev. Joseph Garland, Dea. J. W. Turner, Dea. R. A. Savage.

Orange Conference—Dea. Geo. Beckett.

Orleans Conference—Rev. W. T. Herrick.

Rutland Conference—Bro. C. M. Winslow, Bro. John P. Sheldon, Dea. Dyer Leffingwell.

Washington Conference—Rev. J. H. Hincks, Bro. Geo. H. Crane. Dea. Joseph Poland.

Windham Conference—Rev. O. G. Baker.

Windsor Conference—Rev. T. M. Boss, Dea. John Dutton, Bro. Benj. Dutton.

MEMBERS EX OFFICIIS.

President—Rev. Geo. B. Safford, D. D.
Secretary—Rev. C. H. Merrill.
Corresponding Secretary—Rev. P. S. Pratt.
Treasurer—J. C. Emery, Esq.
Trustee of Convention—Rev. A. Stevens, D. D.
Preacher—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks.

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Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers—Bro. J. G. Stimson, Rev. E. P. Hooker.

Editor of Vermont Chronicle—Rev. A. D. Barber.

Appointees of last meeting—Rev. J. G. Johnson, Rev. S. I. Briant, Rev. L. O. Brastow, Rev. Austin Hazen, Rev. S. P. Wilder, Prof. E. H. Higley, Rev. W. P. Bennett, Rev. C. C. Torrey.

Rev. Wm. S. Hazen was chosen *Scribe*, and Rev. J. H. Hincks, *Assistant Scribe*.

The report of the Committee on "Resolution in regard to Doctrinal Belief and the Pastorate," was presented by Rev. J. G. Johnson.

On motion of Rev. L. O. Brastow, the consideration of the report was made the first order to-morrow morning.

The report of the Committee on "Resolutions on Divorce," was presented by Rev. L. O. Brastow.

Rev. J. G. Johnson moved the adoption of the Report. Remarks were made by Revs. L. C. Partridge, S. W. Dike, A. D. Barber, F. W. Olmsted, Allen Hazen, F. B. Phelps, J. G. Hale, J. A. Bates, L. O. Brastow, A. Stevens, and, on motion, the Report was recommitted for amendment.

The President nominated and the Convention elected the following Committees:

Business Committee—Revs. A. Stevens, D. D., S. I. Briant and J. H. Babbitt.

Devotional Exercises—Revs. L. O. Brastow, C. W. Thompson and L. C. Partridge.

Nominating Committee—Revs. H. Fairbanks, W. W. Winchester and W. A. Bushee.

Hon. G. G. Benedict was chosen *Auditor of Accounts*.

Voted that the hours of meeting be as follows, at 9 A. M., 2 P. M., and 7:30 P. M.; hours of adjournment 12 M. and 5 P. M.

Rev. J. W. Burgin, Delegate from the Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, presented the Christian Salutations of that body, and was replied to by the President.

The Report of the Committee on "Resolutions relating to the Permanency of the Pastorate" was presented by Rev. S. I. Briant.

Rev. S. W. Dike moved that the Report be adopted. Remarks were made by Revs. A. W. Wild, A. Stevens and Geo. H. Morss, and the Report was adopted with the following Resolution:

Believing the pastoral relation to be eminently Scriptural, in accordance with ancient usage, a help in preserving purity of doctrinal teaching, and uniting more closely the hearts of minister and people in the Master's service, and, therefore, most vitally connected with the highest prosperity of the churches,

Resolved, That we view with deep concern the increasing infrequency of the pastorate, and urge upon the attention of the churches the importance of making most earnest efforts to secure settled pastors, and upon the ministers the desirableness of identifying themselves thus intimately with their churches, in order to the most effective and permanent work.

Rev. S. P. Wilder, Delegate to the Vermont Baptist Convention, gave a report of his attendance at that meeting.

Rev. M. A. Wilcox, Delegate from the Vermont Baptist Convention, presented the Christian Salutations of that body, to whom the President responded.

Rev. Austin Hazen, Delegate to the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference, reported his attendance at the annual meeting of that Conference.

Voted to appoint a Delegate to the next annual meeting of the Troy Methodist Episcopal Conference.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommended that Rev. Mr. Smock lead the prayer meeting at six to-morrow morning, and that Rev. L. Phelps conduct the devotional service at 8:30 A. M. The recommendation was adopted.

The President nominated the Finance Committee as follows: Dea. Joseph Poland, T. W. Fisher and Thos. Brownell, and the gentlemen were elected such Committee.

On motion the Convention adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. E. T. Fairbanks from Ps. 92 : 5, last clause, and Ps. 139 : 17, first clause. Rev. S. L. Bates assisted in the devotional services.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

A prayer meeting, held at 6 A. M., was conducted by Rev. W. D. Smock, and a devotional meeting, led by Rev. L. Phelps, was held at 8 : 30 A. M.

At 9 A. M. the Convention met for business, the President in the Chair.

Rev. C. W. Thompson led in prayer.

The roll was called, and the records of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Rev. J. G. Johnson read again the Report of the Committee on "Resolution in regard to Doctrinal Belief and the Pastorate," and added explanatory remarks.

Rev. L. O. Brastow spoke at some length and moved the following amendment, which was seconded :

Provided that nothing herein affirmed be construed as a denial of the right of appeal from all human creeds to the word of God ; nor as an imputation against the standing of a minister who, neither in his own mind nor by decision of a competent ecclesiastical tribunal having examined his particular beliefs, has been judged to have forfeited our fellowship.

The amendment was discussed by Revs. J. G. Johnson, E. T. Hooker, L. O. Brastow, C. Granger, A. Stevens and J. G. Hale.

At ten o'clock the Convention adjourned for the annual meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. H. B. Putnam led in prayer.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. P. S. Pratt, presented his Report, which was accepted.

Prof. E. H. Higley read an Essay on "The Prominence Due at present to the Ethical Element in Preaching."

The discussion on the amendment to the Report of the Committee on the Resolution in regard to Doctrinal Belief and the Pastorate, was resumed. Remarks were made by Revs. C. Van Norden, W. A. Bushee, S. I. Briant and A. D. Barber.

On motion each speaker was limited to three minutes unless the time should be extended by unanimous consent.

Revs. F. W. Olmsted, W. T. Herrick, R. T. Hall, J. Garland, J. A. Bates, S. P. Wilder, H. Fairbanks, E. T. Hooker, N. F. Cobleigh, F. B. Phelps, C. P. Watson, G. E. Hall, J. G. Johnson and L. O. Brastow, participated in the discussion.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Hincks the amendment was divided, and the vote on the first part, namely: "Provided that nothing herein affirmed shall be construed as a denial of the right of appeal from all human creeds to the Word of God," was taken by *yeas* and *nays* with the following result:

YEAS. Rev. Messrs. Bennett, Boardman, Boss, Brastow, Briant, Buckham, Carter, Emerson, Goodrich, Grout, Allen Hazen, G. E. Hall, Hincks, Morss, Safford, Severance, C. S. Smith, Thayer, C. W. Thompson, Torrey, Van Norden, Watson, Wilder. LAY DELEGATES. Messrs. Higley, Sheldon, Winslow.—26.

There was afterwards added the name of Rev. E. E. Herrick, making the *yeas* 27.

NAYS. Rev. Messrs. Adams, Babbitt, Baker, Barber, J. A. Bates, S. L. Bates, Bartlett, Bushee, Byington, Closson, Cobleigh, Cowan, Demeritt, Dike, E. T. Fairbanks, H. Fairbanks, Ferrin, Frazer, Garland, Gordon, Granger, Hale, R. T. Hall, Harrington, W. S. Hazen, W. T. Herrick, Hicks, E. T. Hooker, E. P. Hooker, Hulburt, Johnson, Knowlton, Ladd, Merrill, Myrick, Nichols, Olmsted, Partridge, Perkins, F. B. Phelps, L. Phelps, Porter, Pratt, A. C. Reed, Stevens, Swift, L. Tenney, Thomas, Tolman, Ward, Wild, Winchester. LAY DELEGATES. Adams, Becket, Brownell, Chandler, G. H. Crane, J. E. Crane, B. Dutton, J. Dutton, F. Fairbanks, Halbert, Leffingwell, Manning, Monteith, Poland, Savage, Stevens, Stimson, L. B. Tenney, C. F. Thompson, Turner.—72.

The second part of the amendment as follows: "Nor as an imputation against the standing of a minister who neither in his own mind nor by a decision of a competent ecclesiastical tribunal, having examined his particular beliefs, has been judged to have forfeited our fellowship," was rejected by a vote of 18 to 69.

On motion Rev. R. T. Hall was allowed three minutes to close the debate on the Report of the Committee on Resolution in regard to Doctrinal Belief and the Pastorate. The vote was taken by *yeas* and *nays* with the following result:

YEAS. Rev. Messrs. Adams, Babbitt, Baker, Barber, Bartlett, J. A. Bates, S. L. Bates, Bennett, Boardman, Buckham, Bushee, Byington, Carter, Closson, Cobleigh, Cowan, Demeritt, Dike, Emerson, E. T. Fairbanks, H. Fairbanks, Ferrin, Frazer, Garland, Gordon, Granger, Grout, Hale, R. T. Hall, Harrington, Allen Hazen, W. S. Hazen, W. T. Herrick, Hicks, Hincks, E. T. Hooker, E. P. Hooker, Hulburt, Johnson, Knowlton, Ladd, Merrill, Morss, Myrick, Nichols, Olmsted, Partridge, Perkins, F. B. Phelps, L. Phelps, Porter, Pratt, Reed, Severance, C. S. Smith, A. Stevens, Swift, L. Tenney, Thayer, Thomas, C. W. Thompson, Tolman, C. C. Torrey, Ward, Wild, Win-

chester. LAY MEMBERS. Adams, Beckett, Brownell, Chandler, G. H. Crane, J. E. Crane, B. Dutton, J. Dutton, F. Fairbanks, Leffingwell, Manning, Monteith, Poland, Savage, L. M. Stevens, Stimson, L. B. Tenney, C. F. Thompson, Turner.—85.

NAYS. Rev. Messrs. Brastow, Briant, G. E. Hall, Safford, Van Norden, Watson, Wilder. LAY MEMBERS. Higley, Sheldon, Winslow.—10.

There were afterwards added to the yeas the names of Rev. Messrs. Boss and E. E. Herrick, making the total *yeas* 87.

The Report thus adopted is as follows:

Your Committee was appointed by the last General Convention to report upon the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont understand that to be a pastor of a Congregational Church indicates and requires the acceptance of the historic belief of these churches as it has been, from time to time, expressed by their representative assemblies; and that to remain pastor of a Congregational Church, and to claim denominational fellowship with our churches and ministers after any substantial part of this historic belief has been repudiated, is considered by us as a breach of faith and inconsistent with honor and Christian character.

They come to their task with the knowledge that the subject has been very fully and widely discussed during the year. They have endeavored to profit by the thoughtful arguments which have been urged against such action. They rejoice in being able, without sacrifice of conviction, to present a united report. They are convinced that the interests of Christian charity and liberality, as well as of the unity of the Church of Christ, require firm adherence to the truth. The tie which binds the Congregational Churches in fellowship is not alone its distinctive polity. It is just as truly the common acceptance of evangelical doctrines. Loyalty to the truth, which alone can be ground of unity with other self respecting organizations in the Church of Christ, is to be shown on our part only by a faithful maintenance, by the methods which our polity permits and enjoins, of evangelical preaching in our pulpits. It is, doubtless, the high duty of Councils to exercise the greatest care when receiving men into the Congregational ministry, to know that they are fitted for its duties, as to their educational, moral and spiritual qualifications, including their hearty acceptance of the evangelical faith. It is as clearly the duty of our churches to use the methods which our polity most perfectly supplies to prevent the teaching of error by our ministry. But your Committee feel that the resolution placed in their hands by the Convention imposes upon them the special duty of declaring what the Convention considers to be the basis of fellowship, and the course which one is expected to adopt who changes, after his ordination or installation, that doctrinal basis upon the acceptance of which his sacred office was bestowed. The resolution which they offer, also, by the strongest implication, urges upon our ministry and churches a courageous and faithful discharge of their duty in maintaining the doctrinal purity of our teaching. An added reason for adopting the resolution which they offer lies in the fact

that failure to do so after the question has been so long before them, lays the Convention open to the charge of indifference to the purity of doctrine of the Congregational Churches. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, while recognizing the entire absence of authority in the Convention over the Churches, understands that to be pastor of a Congregational Church indicates and requires the acceptance of the word of God—which is our only rule of faith—as teaching the doctrines commonly called Evangelical, held in our churches from the early times, and sufficiently set forth by former General Councils, notably by the Councils at Boston and Oberlin; and that the repudiation of any substantial part of these doctrines, (held in common by all evangelical churches) is considered by us as inconsistent with continued claim to denominational fellowship with our ministers and churches.

J. G. JOHNSON,
R. T. HALL,
JOHN G. HALE,
} *Committee.*

The following Protest was presented, and it was voted that it be entered on the records.

A PROTEST.

We protest against the resolution of the Convention on Ministerial Standing, because of the rejection of the following amendment, viz: "Provided that nothing herein affirmed be construed as a denial of the right of appeal from all human creeds to the word of God; nor as an imputation against the standing of a minister, who neither in his own mind, nor by decision of a competent ecclesiastical tribunal having examined his particular beliefs, has been judged to have forfeited our fellowship;" which amendment is, in our opinion, necessary to protect the resolution against a construction contrary to the historic principles of the Congregational polity.

G. B. SAFFORD,
L. O. BRASTOW,
J. E. GOODRICH,
GEO. E. HALL,
S. I. BRIANT,
S. P. WILDER,
C. M. WINSLOW.

In accordance with the vote of the Convention, the following names were subsequently added to the Protest.*

C. VAN NORDEN,
JOSEPH BOARDMAN.

* Since the adjournment of the Convention Prof. E. H. Higley and Rev. C. P. Watson have requested that their names be added to the Protest.

The President nominated, and the Convention elected the following Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting: Revs. S. L. Bates, G. P. Byington and T. M. Boss.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 the Convention gave way for the annual meeting of the Vermont Education Society; after which the Business Committee reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, that a Committee of five, two pastors and three laymen, be appointed to consider the whole matter of the present constitution of this body, and especially whether it be not expedient as well as more in accord with Congregational polity, to secure a more direct representation of the churches and a larger proportion of the lay element; and in their discretion to suggest such changes in the modes of designating its members as they may deem advisable. This Committee to report at the next annual meeting.

Resolved, that the twelfth Rule of this Convention be amended by omitting the words "*for the previous question*" in the second and third lines, and the words "*or for the previous question*" in the last line.

It was voted that they be made the first order to-morrow morning.

The following Benevolent Societies were represented in short addresses:

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, by Revs. Lyman Bartlett and Geo. F. Herrick.

American Missionary Association, by Rev. Lewis Grout.

Rev. H. Webster, delegate from the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference, presented the Christian Salutations of that body, to whom the President responded.

The President, in a few well chosen words, assured the brethren from foreign mission fields of our hearty sympathy with them in their work, and prayers for their success.

On motion it was voted unanimously that we extend through the missionary brethren present, our cordial Christian Salutations to the churches of Asia Minor.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

A prayer meeting, conducted by Rev. J. D. Emerson, was held at 6 A. M., and devotional exercises at 8:30 A. M., led by Rev. W. W. Winchester.

At 9 A. M. the Convention met, the President in the Chair.

Rev. L. C. Partridge led in prayer.

The roll was called, and the records of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The following Report of the Treasurer, J. C. Emery, was presented, accepted and approved.

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer, in account with the General Convention of Ministers and Churches of Vermont.*

1878.	DEBIT.			
June 12.	To cash Addison Conference.....	$38	00	
Nov. 26.	" Windham Conference.....	43	25	
1879.				
May 21.	" Essex Conference.....	4	75	
June 4.	" Washington Conference.....	30	00	
" 9.	" Orange Conference.....	55	25	
" 11.	" Orleans Conference.....	34	75	
" "	" Windsor Conference.....	52	75	
" "	" Franklin and Grand Isle Conf..	30	00	
" "	" Addison Conference.....	45	00	
				$333 75
	Balance due Treasurer, charged in new account.....			82 65
				$416 40

1878.	CREDIT.			
June 12.	By balance due Treasurer per report....	$32	86	
Aug. 22.	Paid J. & J. M. Poland,.....	360	64	
	" distributing Minutes.....	16	25	
1879.				
June 11.	" Rev. C. H. Merrill	6	65	
				$416 40

I have this day examined the account of J. C. Emery, Treasurer, and find the same correct, and accompanied by the proper vouchers.

G. G. BENEDICT, *Auditor.*

Burlington, June 11, 1879.

There is in the hands of the Treasurer as the result of collections by the several Conferences for the National Triennial Council,

Burlington, June 11, 1879. $151 [illegible]

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was accepted and approved:

To the Congregational General Convention, now in session:

Your Committee on Finance recommend that the sum of four hundred and twelve ($412) dollars be raised to meet the expenses of the Convention the ensuing year, and that the same be raised by assessments, as follows:

Addison Conference	$38	
Bennington Conference	23	
Caledonia Conference	47	
Chittenden Conference	34	
Essex and Coos Conference	3	
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	26	
Lamoille Conference	11	
Orange Conference	46	
Orleans Conference	28	
Rutland Conference	45	
Washington Conference	24	
Windham Conference	38	
Windsor Conference	49	
		$412 00

And your Committee would further recommend that these assessments be paid into the treasury during the first three months of the year.

JOSEPH POLAND,
T. W. FISHER,
THOS. BROWNELL. } *Committee.*

Burlington, June 12, 1879.

The Fairbanks Board of Education presented the following report, which was accepted and approved:

FAIRBANKS EDUCATION BOARD.

The Treasurer charges himself with

Amount on hand June 1, 1878	$407 00	
Interest on investments	767 65	
		$1174 65

And credits himself with

Paid orders of students aided	$325 00	
Balance on hand May 31, 1879	849 65	
		$1174 65

Audited by G. G. Benedict.

Of three students upon our list at the commencement of the year, one has engaged in evangelistic work, one has been obliged to suspend study on account of his health, and one continues. Four others have been aided and are still upon our list, making five in all.

Our income would justify the board in aiding several more, and the attention of Pastors is called to this fact.

(Signed) EDW. T. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman.*
HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

The resolution presented by the Business Committee in regard t change of Constitution was adopted.

On motion, the twelfth Rule of Convention was amended by omi ting the words " for the previous question," in the second and thir lines, and the words " or for the previous question," in the last line.

The Committee on the Vermont Chronicle presented the followin report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee appointed to consult and advise with the publishe of the Chronicle, and to report at this time on its state and prospect —respectfully report:

In our judgment the Chronicle has been very ably conducted th past year—it was never more worthy of our confidence, of prominenc in our families, of wide influence in the State. We believe this to b the sentiment of the entire Convention.

We call attention to the fact that the circulation of the Chro icle is still very limited—at the same time its subscription pric is regarded by some as too high. We would recommend (the pu lishers concurring) that the price next year be reduced if possible t $2.00. To effect this the subscribers' list must be increased by a least 1000 new names. This can only be done through increased ac tivity of the churches in its interest. We therefore urge upon pasto and laymen an immediate, strong, persistent effort to obtain 100 new subscribers.

This would imply about the following number to each Conference:

Addison Conference	90	Orange Conference	11
Bennington Conference	55	Orleans Conference	7
Caledonia Conference	117	Rutland Conference	10
Chittenden Conference	80	Washington Conference	6
Essex Conference	8	Windham Conference	9
Franklin & G. Isle Conference	70	Windsor Conference	12
Lamoille Conference	25		
			10

E. T. FAIRBANKS,
J. G. JOHNSON,
C. W. THOMPSON,
} *Committee.*

The Business Committee presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three ministers and two laym be appointed to report at the next annual meeting what action, any, this Convention may wisely take in the hope of promoting sy tematic beneficence among the members of the churches.

It was adopted, and the committee appointed as follows: Revs Joseph Boardman, A. B. Swift and C. S. Smith, and Hon. F. Fair banks and Dea. R. A. Savage.

The President nominated and the Convention elected the followin committee on resolutions on change of constitution: Revs. S. I

Wilder and R. T. Hall, and Deas. J. Poland, J. G. Stimson, and Hon. F. Fairbanks.

The Committee on Divorce presented their amended report.

Remarks were made by Revs. F. W. Olmsted, C. E. Ferrin, F. B. Phelps, L. C. Partridge, J. A. Bates, S. P. Wilder, and J. G. Hale. On motion, the resolutions were voted on separately. The first, second, fourth, fifth, and sixth resolutions were adopted unanimously; the third, after some amendment, by a vote of 28 to 13.

At this point, business was suspended, and the question, "Is the Existence of a Religious Society for the Administration of the Secular Affairs of the Church Desirable?" was discussed by the regular appointees, Revs. W. P. Bennett, C. C. Torrey, L. Tenney, and S. I. Briant.

The Business Committee presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the families of this city, for their hearty welcome of its members to their homes during the meeting.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to the University for the invitation to the members of the Convention to visit their Institution.

Resolved, That thanks be given to the various railroad companies that have granted return tickets to those in attendance.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks for the compliment from the Home in their invitation to visit their happy family, and express our interest in their benevolent work.

On motion of Rev. R. T. Hall, members of the Convention who were not in the house when the vote was taken on the report of the committee in regard to Doctrinal Belief and the Pastorate, were given the privilege of adding their names to the *Yeas* and *Nays*, and also to the Protest.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:—

President—Hon. J. B. PAGE.

Vice President—Rev. L. H. ELLIOT.

Secretary—Rev. C. H. MERRILL.

Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, Esq.

Trustees—Thaddeus Fairbanks, Hon. John A. Page, Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., J. W. Hickok, Esq., Pres. C. B. Hulburt, D. D.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. H. Fairbanks, J. C. Emery, Esq., Rev. C. W. Thompson, Rev. J. G. Johnson.

Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers—J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Rev. E. P. HOOKER, Dea. CHARLES WYMAN, Rev. W. W. THAYER.

Reporters and Receivers in place of those resigned or removed from their Conferences—Addison Conference, Rev. S. Knowlton; Chittenden Conference, Rev. Austin Hazen; Windham Conference, Rev. D. N. Goodrich.

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To Vermont M. E. Conference—Rev. Lawrence Phelps. Substitute, Rev. S. I. Briant.

To Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. Allen Hazen, D. D. Substitute, Rev. S. K. B. Perkins.

To F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. E. J. Ranslow. Substitute, Rev. A. W. Wild.

To the Troy M. E. Conference—Rev. L. O. Brastow. Substitute, Rev. G. B. Safford, D. D.

The report was adopted, and the above named persons were elected to the several offices.

Voted that the communion service be at three o'clock this afternoon.

The Scribe, Assistant Scribe, and Corresponding Secretary were appointed the Committee to print the Minutes.

On motion the Committee on the CHRONICLE were re-appointed and charged with the same duties as last year.

The seventh resolution on Divorce was adopted.

The report of the Committee was then adopted as a whole.

The resolutions are as follows:

"*Resolved*, That we regard the family institution as a divine appointment, and as the foundation of public virtue and order.

"*Resolved*, That we regard a moral and religious sanction as essential to the preservation of its purity and integrity, and a correspondence between its legal and its moral and religious sanction as necessary to the welfare of society.

"*Resolved*, That inasmuch as we recognize but one ground of absolute divorce (as distinguished from legal separation or limited divorce) as supported by the authority of Christ, we regard the legal or religious sanction of any cause of divorce other than this, as patronage of immorality.

"*Resolved*, That we regard the re-marriage to other persons of parties divorced, save for cause of adultery, as without sanction of Christian morality, and recognize the necessity of great care, especially on the part of Christian ministers, against lending sanction to such wrong by performing marriage service for parties thus divorced.

"*Resolved*, That we regard the increasing frequency of divorce in this State, for causes inadequate and unsupported by Christian morality, as a great evil, endangering the welfare of the family and of society.

"*Resolved*, That we earnestly request the members of our churches to use their influence as Christian citizens, by discussion, by petition, by whatever legitimate methods, to secure such reform in legislation as shall place our marriage laws upon a Christian foundation.

Resolved, That we earnestly invite the renewed attention of the members of our churches to the Christian doctrine of the family, to its importance in relation to many of the social and political questions that agitate our time, and to the future welfare of our churches. That we also direct attention to the need of a more widely diffused literature of the subject, and a more thorough and frequent presentation of it from the pulpit.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. J. G. Hale led in prayer.

The Treasurer of the Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers presented the following report, which was accepted and approved:

FAIRBANKS BOARD FOR RELIEF OF MINISTERS,

In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

CREDIT.

1878.			
June	15.	By balance in Treasury as per Auditor's report,	$505 82
Sept.	6.	By interest on J. Weimister's note.....	131 62
Oct.	11.	From a friend in Minnesota.....	20 00
	16.	By interest on J. Somerville's notes.....	185 94
Nov.	15.	By interest on J. Weimister's note.....	131 62
	20.	By interest on Thos. Kennedy's notes.....	78 00
1879.			
April	1.	By interest on J. Bass's note.....	180 00
		By interest on Professor Emerson's note.....	90 00
		By interest on Dea. P. Boardman's note.....	58 00
		By interest on J. Somerville's notes.....	180 00
		By 3d Congl. Ch. in Burlington, for Widows and Orphans.....	16 22
			$1577 22

DEBIT.

1879.			
		To paid to eleven beneficiaries.....	$845 00
April	1.	To paid balance of interest on notes exchanged.....	124 80

June 1. To expenses one year..... $4 20
To balance in Treasury..... 603 22
$1

J. G. STIMSON, *Treas*

I have examined the account of J. G. Stimson, Treasure find the same to be correct, and accompanied by vouchers for penditures. G. G. BENEDICT, *Aud*

Burlington, June 10, 1879.

The Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting pr the following report, which was adopted:

Place—Chester.

Preacher—Rev. J. G. Johnson. Substitute, Rev. E. G. R

Essay—The Relation of the Family to the Church and President M. H. Buckham, D. D. Substitute, Rev. E. T. H

Discussion—Do the Current Views of Evangelical Christians Subject of Inspiration need Reconsideration? Revs. J. H. Hin W. W. Winchester. Substitutes, Revs. J. D. Emerson and Bushee.

Voted that the Committee on Printing publish three th copies of the Minutes.

The records of to-day's sessions were read and approved, Scribe was authorized to complete the Minutes of the Convent

Voted to adjourn *sine die* after the Communion Service.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by C. P. Watson and Geo. F. Herrick.

GEO. B. SAFFORD, *Presi*

WM. S. HAZEN, *Scribe.*

J. H. HINCKS, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT

OF THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

THE Convention at Rutland instructed the Corresponding Secretary "to collect the statistics and *all other reports* from the churches during the month of January of each year." We are not surprised that for the abridged period of this transition year, the *written* reports have been less complete than usual. The statistical returns, however, are quite full and satisfactory. From the two sources we gather some facts and results which may be worth repeating.

INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP.

As we make comparison of the statistical columns we find a fact of interest in the increasing number of our church membership. This is the first year, if we mistake not, in which our tables for nearly a quarter of a century show the whole number of communicants as rising to twenty thousand, or exactly twenty thousand one hundred and seventeen. We judge this to be about one seventeenth of the population of the state. In comparing tables and censuses for twenty years, the rate of increase appears greater in the churches than in the state. If, as is likely, the same rule holds with the other evangelical churches of the state, it goes to confirm the prophecy, "I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them: I will increase them with men like a flock."

About one sixth of the number are indeed non-resident in the places of their membership, but a large proportion of these are still within the state, and many others are with us in worship and labor, during a temporary residence, whose names are not transferred to our rolls. These thousands of witnesses for Christ are distributed through all our counties, and organized into one hundred and ninety-eight churches, averaging a hundred members each, though actually varying in size from two members to nearly six hundred.

During the year 1878, there were added to the membership eleven hundred and ninety-three persons. There were received by letter

three hundred and eighty-seven, exceeding by a little the number in like manner dismissed, three hundred and sixty-seven in all. The eight hundred and nine persons received upon the profession of their faith not only repair the three hundred and sixty-one losses by death, and the twenty-seven removals by discipline, but in their excess would constitute, if so allotted, four new churches of the average size. One hundred and twelve churches, or nearly two thirds of those which have the stated ordinances, have received accessions by public consecrations. To each of the following, ten or more persons were added during the reported year, viz: to Benson and Middlebury, eleven each; to North Thetford, twelve; to North Pownal, fourteen; to Bridgewater, Cornwall and Westfield, fifteen; to New Haven, seventeen; to Burlington First, nineteen; to Charlotte and East Dorset, twenty-one; to Pittsford, twenty-two; to Bennington Second, twenty-five; to Burlington Third, twenty-seven; to Middletown, thirty-seven; to Vergennes, forty-three; to Brandon, forty-seven; and to Rutland, one hundred and twenty-five.

It may be noticed that nearly all of these places where extensive spiritual harvests are indicated are in the western counties from Chittenden on the north, to Bennington on the south. The plenteous revival influences shed upon the eastern section three and four years ago, have been repeated in behalf of us who then heard the story with glad amazement. Revival tides have their ebb and flow, and strike successively upon different shores. The waves of salvation were not stayed by the mountain, nor will they be stopped ultimately by any physical obstacle or civil boundary; for, "O daughter of Jerusalem, thy king cometh unto thee; and his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth."

If we were to pass over the whole state of Vermont to-day, we might find in every county, if not tokens of the present working of the Holy Spirit in revivals and conversions, at least "the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed." Pleasing traces of former revivals would appear in a general state of Christian love and co-operation, and in abundant gospel work. In many fields there is a hopeful seed-sowing, and here and there they seem to be white for the harvest.

ADDISON CONFERENCE.

In Addison Conference several of the churches enjoyed revival influences during the last year. Vergennes was powerfully moved by the Holy Spirit. Cornwall and New Haven were much blessed, and

at Middlebury a work was beginning which has already been crowned with rich effusions of heavenly grace. In Bristol was a marked temperance revival. Good report is made of the Sabbath-schools, especially at Bridport. There is a good degree of stability in the pastoral relation, though the late incumbent at Cornwall has retired after about eleven years' service. The pastor at Ripton is in his eighteenth year there, and this little mountain town still keeps its light shining, and is doing good work in a hard field.

BENNINGTON CONFERENCE.

Of Bennington Conference the larger churches have enjoyed their usual prosperity, and Manchester, after protracted and prayerful endeavor, was rewarded in the gift of a faithful pastor. The smaller churches have not been left wholly destitute, new impulses having been received, with notable accessions and brightening prospects. The admissions to the churches of this county were more than twice the number of removals.

CALEDONIA CONFERENCE.

To Caledonia Conference, in the opposite corner of the state, is a long stride by the railways, but we find there a steadfast people holding the faith, not forgetful of good works. Notice its well-filled statistical table, Barnet in the first line giving a good example of contributions to all the causes. The whole table shows faithful reporting, the exceptional ciphers confessing what they have *not*, as well as what they *have* done. Only one blank appears, indicating that the church at Lyndon is without a minister.

CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE.

The first three churches in their list, including the two of the city of Burlington, show encouraging accessions to their membership; one of them, however (Charlotte), with gain of members having lost a pastor. South Hero and Grand Isle claim the oldest pastor of the State; may the counting of his years not cease for a long time to come! Jericho is exemplary in its reporting; and with its exceptional promptness it does not surprise us to read, under date of 7th of January, "At this date we do not owe one dollar," from successful effort fully to pay for repairs of the church. From Milton Falls and Westford come words of thankfulness and of cheerful hope.

ESSEX CONFERENCE.

Essex, a fragmentary Conference, holds its position at the outposts, keeping a watchman still on each of its towers, and is now reported to be making an advance upon previously unoccupied territory.

FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE.

In Franklin and Grand Isle Conference the work of the Lord seems to be moving steadily on, by the usual and some special methods. Each of the pulpits appears to be manned, the Word often being with the power of the Spirit. Gospel meetings, circular conferences, and ladies' missionary societies are among the ordinary instrumentalities having happy results. A special feature in the work of the Alburgh church has been the holding of frequent days of prayer, two or three meetings each day, to pray for the Word preached in that parish and in other churches of the conference. A series of consecration meetings was held at St. Albans in March, with good results. Preaching services were held during the month of August by the pastor of the largest church of the county in behalf of the smallest church, by which the long closed doors of that sanctuary were opened and regular divine service renewed.

LAMOILLE CONFERENCE.

In Lamoille County the little cluster of churches, eight in all, are dwelling in unity, holding occasional fellowship meetings and fulfilling the mutual offices of Christian neighborhood. Concurrent testimony appears in the substantial increase of their Home Missionary contributions, and in various movements favoring new utterance of the Word from vacated pulpits and destitute neighborhoods.

ORANGE CONFERENCE.

Orange Conference has been gleaning by the wayside after the more general harvests of previous years. Absent members have been inquired after, and many induced to take letters, in some instances with happy consequences in their religious experience. Several churches have betaken themselves vigorously to the payment of old debts, and thus have thrown off these dragging burdens. More serious consideration has been given to the claims of the heathen world. Especially have the women entered with efficient zeal upon their department of the great missionary enterprise. The contributions for Foreign Missions have been nearly one thousand dollars, and

the total for all objects falls little short of twenty-five hundred. One new church has been organized, that of North Thetford, with thirty-five members.

Rev. Solon Martin, a man of God, whose prolonged ministerial service was principally given to two of the congregations of this county, went to his reward on the ninth of November, followed two days later by his believing wife. Grateful memories should follow their departure, and the girding anew of survivors to service of Christ and his church.

ORLEANS CONFERENCE.

Orleans Conference furnishes a scant written report, but the figures show one thousand one hundred and fifty resident members, and evidence is afforded of some earnest fighting against sin and the co-working of pastors and people in building up the Redeemer's kingdom. In one town at least, Westfield, with the aid of a neighboring church and gospel workers from Newport, many souls were subdued to the sceptre of Jesus. Some fifteen made profession of their faith in Christ, constituting one fourth of the existing membership of the church.

RUTLAND CONFERENCE.

The year 1878 was one of very large ingathering, some account of which was given at our meeting last year, and which need not now be repeated. The appropriate following of such work has been the training of converts to pray and to sing, to give and to live for Christ.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Washington Conference, centrally located, has a privileged position and seems well organized for home work in each parish, and for combined effort for the outlying districts. More than half the churches have settled pastors, all but one have ministers, and the various functions of healthful church life appear to be discharged with regularity and happy effect. A missionary committee is appointed to look after the waste places of this county.

WINDSOR CONFERENCE.

Windsor, the largest of the Conferences, has but four settled pastors, and several pulpits are filled by unordained men. Three ministerial associations have their territory wholly, or in part, in this county, while the names of several acting pastors are not enrolled in either of them.

The suggestion of lack of facilities for effective organization is not, however, confirmed by all the facts furnished. There is much of true Congregational fellowship proceeding from the unity of the Spirit and a like precious faith. Mention is made of the holding of local conferences in ten or more of the churches with special encouragement to the feebler. The stronger are working with vigor their respective fields, in some cases making positive movement in advance. The most cheering revival news is from Bridgewater, which last year reported less than twenty members, the returns this year nearly doubling the figures. The revival has been one of continuance; the people have had a mind to work, and have not flinched before bitter opposition at some points. Many have left their cups, and some converts have let tobacco go with the drink. A large call has been made for Bibles, and the increased attendance of the sanctuary and gifts to the Lord's treasury, as well as the public professions, attest the genuineness of the work. Within the past month we learn of the decease of an aged minister who was recently and for several years acting pastor at West Hartford, closing that service at about eighty years of age. Rev. Bezaleel Smith died at West Randolph on the 15th of May, a golden sheaf gathered when fully ripe.

WINDHAM CONFERENCE.

Windham Conference, as well as Windsor, includes many of our oldest churches, several of which struck deep root, at an early date, in the rich soil of the Connecticut Valley. Some are numbering off the years of their second century, and it is well if their leaf does not wither and their fruit is fresh in all the successive months. The younger churches are commonly small, and some of them are not privileged with the ordinances. Frequent mention is made in this county of the continuance of ordinary prosperity and regular work, of edifying services and faithful teaching in the schools, and in some cases, of a quiet religious interest. Since the beginning of the present year there has been an interesting work at Bellows Falls, and thirty-two converts entered into covenant on the first Sabbath of May. A revival interest is also developed at Grafton, resulting in several conversions. And we may here speak of one who gave the best years of a very able and successful ministry to this people — Rev. Moses B. Bradford. After over twenty-six years of very fruitful pastoral service at Grafton, he preached for ten years before the failure of his health at McIndoes Falls, and here, at his latest home, he died September 23, 1878, in the eightieth year of his age.

DR. ALDACE WALKER.

To the brief list of ministerial obituaries for the year must be added a name closely identified with the history of this Convention—that of Dr. Aldace Walker. A man of good mental endowments, though lacking perfect bodily health all of his energies were fully consecrated and faithfully used for noblest ends. He attained a rich experience in the Master's service, the fruits of which were a source of light and comfort to many. He was an excellent pastor, wise, tender, and fearless in dealing with souls. His entire ministry was filled by his two pastorates at West Rutland and Wallingford, and the relation was held tenaciously by his people, even when he could no longer render active service. Many other important trusts of religion, learning, and charity he fulfilled with good judgment and fidelity. On the 24th of July he was released from his patient waiting and entered into celestial strength and joy.

MINISTERS AND LAY PREACHING.

In our count of the Congregational ministers of Vermont, we make one hundred and ninety-two, of whom sixty are pastors, eighty-six acting pastors, and about one fourth of the whole number are without pulpit charge. Four have been ordained, nine installed, and three dismissed. It will be seen that the whole number of our churches which need ministers is much larger than that of ministers who are able to have charge of churches, unless a larger number than now have the care of two or more pulpits.

Good service has in some cases been done for congregations by continuous lay preaching and by the employment of honorable men from other denominations. But there have also been perversions of trust and dishonored pulpits which might have been avoided through the hearing of only duly qualified ministers of the gospel, or of approved candidates for the ministry—persons in good standing in the Congregational associations of our own or other States.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The operations of the Sunday-school department, so far as appears, proceed still with vigor and largely to edification. The whole number enrolled the past year, children and adults, those helping and those being helped, was twenty-two thousand six hundred and eighty. So many professedly are of those who search the Scriptures that they may have eternal life. Under the leading principally of devoted

superintendents and teachers, with some supervision and personal instruction of pastors, and with numerous printed helps, they are engaged in the high themes which angels desire to look into, and when the Divine Spirit, the author of the Bible, is truly with them, they learn of Christ and become wise unto salvation.

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

The sum of benevolent contributions is $43,333, a little short of the amount reported last year. Of the offerings made much has come from shrunken incomes and with increased self-denial, but with the hope that not less service in the gospel will be fulfilled as its price, nor less of light and salvation experienced for its sake. And we rejoice that while the Master still has need of the many, who though in poverty yet with a willing mind give and are accepted according to what they have, He as Lord of providence is able to bring into His treasury the large benefactions of wise-hearted stewards, to supply that which is lacking, and to open and occupy still broader fields for the world's evangelization.

IN CONCLUSION.

In place of this imperfect selection of facts and summaries it were more impressive if each delegate, lay and ministerial, could here utter personal testimony, as coming fresh from his own field of labor. Still stronger proof might thus be given that these churches, organized upon covenant pledges and promises, are truly members of the body of Christ, instructed by his mind, imbued with his spirit, loyal to his service. If there be any question as to the orthodoxy of these churches and pulpits, we need but allude to the earnest defence made of the faith once delivered to and long kept by the saints. If it be asked, do we keep in its integrity the old Congregational freedom of thought and utterance, regulated by the Word of Christ and the law of love, we have seen this Christian liberty vindicated with equal spirit and force. If from the purity and freedom of doctrine we rise to the question, is this earthly body of the Holy Christ, in obvious process of sanctification, notwithstanding its imperfect, sinful, human elements, and is it working in strong sympathy with the Head for the world's redemption, still we find reason for encouraging answer. Conscious of many deficiencies in duty, witnessing some unchristian tempers and acts, passing by some valleys of dry bones, we yet behold frequent tokens of the true life of faith, of vital union with Christ; we find a strong sentiment of obedience to the law of right

eousness, inciting our members to wash themselves clear from all iniquity, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord. And as we look upon the earnest, persistent toiling early and late in all sections of this vineyard, and as we follow the patient and heroic working in foreign fields by the consecrated sons and daughters of Vermont, we must confess that here indeed is a people devoted to the praise of the living God. And though in consultations upon principles and measures by brethren engaged in the common work, it may not always be easy for all to see eye to eye, or to give expression to earnest convictions in precisely the same words, yet are we sure that the strong under-current flows still in our direction, and that the general bearing is towards the shores of light and the haven of peace. We will hold the cheerful hope that all our debates, and all of our resolves, all of our Christain convictions and acts, will work at length "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

P. S. PRATT.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

Rev. JOHN ADAMS, whose ministerial life began, and for nearly a score of years was identified, with the Churches of Vermont, stands first in the necrological record of the year. He was a son of John and Sarah (Leach) Adams, and was born in Salem, Mass., Nov. 30, 1813. His parents died early, leaving a large family of children to be scattered. He came to Vermont, fitted for college at the Orange County Grammar School at Randolph, and was graduated at Middlebury College in 1837, having among his classmates the late Dr. R. S. Cushman of Manchester. He immediately entered the Theological Seminary at Andover, Mass., but was compelled to abandon the course on account of a weakness of the eyes. Not discouraged, however, in his chosen work, he began labor as a missionary six months with the church in Warren, and received a regular license at Randolph, in Feb., 1839, from the Royalton Association. He then supplied the church in Cambridge, 1839–40, and at Essex, 1840–41. He was ordained and installed over the First Church in Underhill, July 21, 1841, sermon by Rev. E. J. Boardman; and dismissed in October, 1843. He was then installed pastor of the church in Sharon, June 25, 1844, Rev. Benjamin Labaree, D. D., President of Middlebury College, preaching the sermon. Here his rare qualities of mind and heart not only wrought a strong attachment between himself and his people, but commanded high respect in his circle of ministerial fellowship, beyond which, however, he did not seek to be known. He remained pastor of this church until April 21, 1857, when the relation was dissolved, and he became acting pastor of the church in East Hanover, N. H., four years, from May, 1857, to May, 1861. He then accepted an invitation to labor at Hillsboro' Center, N. H., of which church he continued as acting pastor until his death, a period of eighteen years.

Mr. Adams was a man of singular unobtrusiveness, but of strong mind, sound culture, and conscientious devotion. He did not seek the large and influential fields, but was drawn to the feeble churches, and "in the consciousness of trying to do what others shrank from,"

he illustrated through his whole life the true Home Missionary spirit. "If anything be written of me after I am gone," was his request in his last hours, "let it be something that will encourage others to accept as charges these feeble churches. Blessings will visit their own souls, and the hand of God will sustain them; His presence has been more to me than the applause of men."

He was married, May 20, 1839, to Mary S., daughter of Dea. Amasa and Mary (Shepard) Sargent, of Hanover, N. H., who survives him. His death occurred at Hillsboro', May 19, 1879, at the age of 65 years, 5 months and 19 days.

Rev. Moses Bradstreet Bradford died at McIndoes Falls, Sept. 23, 1878, aged 79 years, 5 months and 3 days. He was a son of of Rev. Moses and Sarah (Eaton) Bradford, and was born in Francestown, N. H., April 20, 1799. He was of the seventh generation from Gov. William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony, and through him his ancestry is traced to the Rev. John Bradford, Prebend of St. Paul's, London, who, with Rogers, Hooper, Latimer, Ridley and others, suffered martyrdom under the reign of Queen Mary in 1555. His grandfather was the Rev. Ebenezer Bradford, of Old Rowley, Mass.; and his father, Rev. Moses Bradford, was a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1785, and pastor of the Congregational Church in Francestown, N. H., from 1790 to 1827. This son was one of three brothers born in Francestown who received a liberal education and entered the ministry. He fitted for college at Pembroke and Meriden Academies, and was graduated at Amherst College in 1825. He then studied theology two years with the Rev. Theophilus Packard, D. D., of Shelburne, Mass., and was licensed to preach by the Windham Association at Halifax, Vt. After preaching a short time as a candidate, he was ordained and installed over the Congregational Church in Montague, Mass., Nov. 19, 1828, Rev. Heman Humphrey, D. D., President of Amherst College, preaching the sermon. Here he remained three years, when, receiving a call from the church in Grafton, Vt., he was dismissed, and installed at Grafton, Oct. 31, 1832, sermon by the Rev. John Wheeler, D. D., then pastor at Windsor, and subsequently President of the University of Vermont. His relation to this church continued more than a quarter of a century, during which time the church received the largest accessions in its history in the revivals of 1834, and 1854–55. He was dismissed Feb. 7, 1859, and, after preaching a short time at Wardsboro' and Jericho, became acting pastor of the church at McIndoes Falls in December of

the same year. After laboring here about ten years, age and failing health compelled him to relinquish the active duties of the ministry, although he continued his residence at McIndoes Falls until his death. During the last years of his life he was disabled by paralysis, which at length rendered him entirely helpless, and in this state, in the bosom of his own family, he lingered for months, only waiting the summons to a better world. He was a man of eminently genial and social temperament, an ardent lover of nature, in native ability the peer of the best among the older generation of Vermont clergymen, a sound and conservative thinker and preacher, a judicious adviser, and a faithful and successful pastor.

He was twice married: (1) Nov. 5, 1829, to Mrs. Asenath C. Ewers, of Northfield, Mass., who died at Grafton, July 26, 1840; (2) July 17, 1843, to Miss Martha M. Green, of Westmoreland, N. H., who survived him. His oldest son, educated at Yale College and Theological Seminary, was ordained at McIndoes Falls, Feb. 8, 1862, as chaplain in the U. S. Army, and afterwards filled important positions in reformatory and educational institutions. His youngest son was also educated as a civil engineer at the Yale Scientific School.

Rev. SOLON MARTIN died at West Fairlee, Nov. 9, 1878, aged 70 years, 4 months and 2 days. His parents were Samuel and Lois (Calif) Martin, of Hanover, N. H., where he was born July 7, 1808, the sixth son and eleventh child in a family of thirteen children. He did not have the advantage of a collegiate education, but pursued preparatory classical studies with the late Rev. S. R. Hall, LL. D., then pastor at Concord, Vt., and theology with the Rev. Dewey Fairbank, of Littleton, N. H. At Littleton, also, he was licensed to preach, Sept. 26, 1832, by the Caledonia Association. In October of the same year he commenced preaching at Concord, Vt., and was there ordained and installed over the Congregational Church, June 16, 1835, sermon by the Rev. Dewey Fairbank. He was dismissed, Oct. 1, 1838, at his own request, and immediately began to preach at Corinth, where he was installed Dec. 30, 1841, sermon by the Rev. S. R. Hall, LL. D. From this pastorate he was dismissed July 10, 1855, on account of inadequate support, and Aug. 15, of the same year, was installed over the church in West Fairlee, the Rev. Silas McKeen, D. D., preaching the sermon. He was dismissed Dec. 18, 1860, and soon returned to Corinth, where he was acting pastor five years, April, 1861, to April, 1866. He then returned to West Fairlee, and was acting pastor until near the close of 1872, when he went to Greeley,

Colorado, intending to pass the remainder of his days with his children. Finding, however, life in that new country uncongenial, upon the urgent invitation of his former charge at West Fairlee, he gladly returned after a year's absence, and ministered to them as his health would allow until his death. In the spring of 1877 he was thrown from a carriage, receiving an injury from which he never fully recovered. For a time during the summer previous to his death he was unable to preach, but his strength was so far regained that he occupied his pulpit the first three Sabbaths in October. He was then prostrated by illness, and continued to decline until Saturday evening, Nov. 9, when he was called to his reward. At the same time his wife was dangerously ill, and died on the following day, and the funeral of both took place together.

Mr. Martin was not a man widely known, but a good thinker and preacher, earnest, conservative and sound. The most of his ministry was passed in two contiguous parishes, in both of which he was more than ordinarily successful, and he was appreciated and loved by his own people.

He was twice married: (1) May 13, 1833, to Eliza F., daughter of James and Mary (Lovejoy) Dascomb, of Wilton, N. H., who died Sept. 3, 1865. An elder sister was the first wife of Rev. S. R. Hall, LL. D., and Prof. Dascomb of Oberlin College, was a brother; (2) in Aug., 1867, to Mrs. Nancy (Darrah) Colby, a native of Bedford, N. H., and daughter of James and Submit W. Darrah, of that place. She died at West Fairlee, Nov. 10, 1878. Of the four children, all by his first marriage, the oldest, an only son, served in the war as private two years, in a New York regiment, then raised a company of colored troops, of which he was captain through the war, and had the honor of being one of the first to enter Richmond after the retreat of the Confederates.

Rev. Joseph Rice Munsell was born in Swanton, Oct. 6, 1803, and died at Harwichport, Mass., Dec. 24, 1878, aged 75 years, 2 months and 18 days. His parents were Joseph and Charlotte (Rice) Munsell. He fitted for college at the St. Albans Academy, continued his studies at the Classical School, Bangor, Maine, and was graduated at the Bangor Theological Seminary in 1831. In December of the previous year he was licensed to preach, by the Penobscot Association, at Bangor, and was ordained and installed over the Congregational Church at Burlington, Maine, Oct. 26, 1831; sermon by Rev. S. L. Poineroy, D.D. Of this church he was the

first pastor; and during the period of his pastorate also supplied the church in Lincoln one half the time, residing there three years, and the church at Passadumkeag one fourth the time from 1831 to 1835. June 12, 1839, he was dismissed, and removed immediately to East Brewer (now Holden), where he was installed Oct. 7, 1840, Dr. Pomeroy of Bangor again preaching the sermon. His connection with this church was dissolved July 14, 1852, and he was installed at North Belfast Sept. 22 following, Rev. E. F. Cutter of the First Church, Belfast, preaching the sermon. While here he also supplied the church in Freedom one fourth the time for one year—1857–8. In October, 1858, he resigned his pastorate on account of his health, but was not formally dismissed. He then removed to Harwich, Mass., where he was acting pastor ten years—1858–68, then returned to his native State, and was acting pastor at Franklin, Vt., 1868–75. He then retired from the active duties of the ministry, and resided at Harwichport, Mass., until his death.

Mr. Munsell was an earnest and faithful laborer, a Home Missionary from the beginning, the whole of his ministerial life of nearly half a century being spent in the service of feeble churches. In 1843, while pastor at East Brewer, he published two sermons by request: (1) *The Importance of Searching the Scriptures*, John 5:39; (2) *The Christian's Hope in Death*, Prov. 14:32.

He was first married Jan. 19, 1832, to Louisa, daughter of Dea. Lot, and Hephzibah (Skinner) Rider, of Brewer, Maine, who died April 29, 1853; and second, to Sarah, her sister, May 31, 1854.

Rev. Bezaleel Smith, son of John and Sarah (Lawrence) Smith, was born in Randolph, April 2, 1797; and died at the same place May 15, 1879, at the age of 82 years, 1 month and 13 days. He fitted for college at the Orange County Grammar School in his native town, and was graduated with honor at Dartmouth College, 1825, in the same class with Drs. Silas Aiken and George B. Manser, Profs. C. S. Henry and Albert Smith, and Hons. Isaac F. Redfield and Andrew S. Woods. He then taught for a time in the academy at Hampton, N. H., and studied theology with President Tyler of Hanover. He was licensed to preach by the then Plymouth Association at Plymouth, N. H., Nov. 14, 1827; preached four months at Kensington, and three months at Newington and South Newmarket; after which he began to preach at Rye, and was there ordained and installed as colleague with the Rev. Huntington Porter, May 13, 1829, Rev. Daniel Dana, D.D., of Newburyport, Mass., preaching the sermon

During his ministry here of twelve years, a meeting-house was built, a parsonage purchased, and one hundred and eight members added to the church. He was dismissed, at his own request, July 10, 1841, and installed at Mount Vernon Aug. 19, 1841, sermon by Rev. Jonathan French, D.D., of North Hampton. He remained with this church nearly nine years, during which thirty-two persons were added to its membership. Some important cases of discipline were successfully adjusted, and the church took strong anti-slavery ground, excluding slaveholders from her pulpit and communion. He was dismissed April 30, 1850, and was acting pastor at Roxbury from July following until invited to settle at New Alstead in 1852. He was installed at New Alstead, June 16, 1852, Rev. Jacob Cummings of Hillsboro Bridge preaching the sermon, and dismissed Oct. 23, 1861. He was acting pastor at Hanover Centre, 1861-70; and at West Hartford, Vt., 1871-77; when, having reached his eightieth year, and closing his long ministry of fifty years in his native State, he retired to the place of his birth to await the call to a higher sphere.

He was a man of firmness and wisdom, and of singular purity of character; an earnest preacher and a loving pastor. From the date of his ordination to that of his death his ministry covered a period of fifty years almost to a day, during which his services had been continuous, its activities being laid aside only when the necessities of age made it imperative. His only publication was a New Years sermon in 1860: *The Setting up of the Tabernacle*, Ex. 40:2, published in the *Congregational Journal*.

He was married (1) Nov. 30, 1829, to Miss Eliza Esther Morrison, of Holderness, N. H., who died March 21, 1847; (2) Nov. 18, 1847, to Mrs. Laura S. Brown, widow of Henry H. Brown, M.D., of Randolph, and daughter of Belcher Salisbury, Esq., of the same place.

One son was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1854, and died in 1858; three other sons, with the widow, survive.

Rev. Franklin Tuxbury, son of Daniel and Sarah (Woodman) Tuxbury, was born in Salisbury, (now a part of Amesbury,) Mass., Sept. 23, 1829. He fitted for college at the Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H., and entered Dartmouth College in 1847, but on account of ill health was compelled to leave before completing the course. He afterwards studied law at the Cambridge Law School, and at Portland, Maine, with the Hon. William Pitt Fessenden. Before completing his legal studies his health again gave way, and he was obliged for a time to relinquish all study. It was at this period

that he was led to more serious religious thought, and at length experienced that change of view and feeling which brought about a change of his whole plan of life. In the spring of 1850 he united with the First Congregational Church in Exeter, N. H., Rev. Roswell D. Hitchcock, D.D., then pastor, and after spending the summer under his direction in study preparatory to a theological course, entered Andover Seminary in the autumn, and was there graduated in 1853. In May of that year he was licensed to preach by the Salem Association, at Lynn, Mass., afterwards supplied the First Congregational Church, West Newbury, six months, and the church at Shelburne Falls four months, and preached in Charleston, S. C., from December, 1855, to June, 1856. During this period, his health not being confirmed, he declined invitations to settle at Goffstown, N. H., and Wiscasset, Maine, besides at West Newbury and Charleston, before mentioned. In 1857 he accepted a call to the Russell Church, Hadley, Mass., and was ordained and installed July 15th of that year, sermon by the Rev. Parsons Cooke, D.D., of Lynn, and during the little more than five years of his pastorate fifty persons were added to the church. He was dismissed Oct. 28, 1862, spent a short time as a delegate of the Christian Commission with the army of the Potomac in 1863, and after residing a year or more without charge, at Exeter, N. H., began preaching at Brandon, Vt., where he was installed pastor May 25, 1865, sermon by Prof. W. G. T. Shedd, D. D. of Union Theological Seminary, a former pastor. His ministry of ten and a half years with this church was unusually successful, being the longest but one of eleven successive pastorates, and more than twice the average length of the ten preceeding, and resulting in an addition of about one hundred and thirty to its membership. He was dismissed Nov. 16, 1875, resided for a time without charge in the vicinity of Boston, Mass., then accepted an invitation from the church in Watertown, Conn., over which he was installed May 2, 1877, Rev. S. M. Freeland of Newton, Mass., preaching the sermon. He died at Watertown, after a somewhat protracted and very painful illness, May 6, 1877, aged 49 years, 7 months, and 13 days.

Rev. ALDACE WALKER, D. D., was the youngest of thirteen children of Leonard and Chloe (Child) Walker, and was born in Strafford, July 20, 1812. His parents came from Woodstock, Ct., and were among the earliest settlers of Strafford, rearing their family amidst the privations of frontier life, yet with the utmost carefulness

in moral and religious instruction. His early educational advantages were limited, and he was never a child of robust health. At the age of eighteen he went to New Haven, Ct., as an apprentice of an elder brother to the trade of a blacksmith. After a few months, during a revival in that place, he became a subject of converting grace, and immediately, with not only his brother's consent, but offer of aid, turned his thoughts toward procuring an education. In September, 1831, he became a member of the Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, N. H., where he fitted for college, and in 1837 was graduated from Dartmouth College. He was then principal a short time of the High School at Brattleboro, spent two years at the Theological Seminary at New Haven, and one year at Andover Seminary, and was graduated from the latter in 1840. He was licensed to preach by the Sullivan Association at Plainfield, N. H., in April 1840, began to preach at West Rutland, Vt., in September, and was ordained and installed over the church in that place Dec. 30 of the same year. The sermon on this occasion was preached by his oldest brother, the Rev. Charles Walker, D. D., then pastor at Pittsford. After nineteen years of service with this church his health became seriously impaired, and he offered his resignation, which he afterwards withdrew at the urgent request of his people, accompanied by the offer of a vacation of six months. On account of protracted ill health, however, his labors continued to be interrupted, and he was compelled at length to insist upon an entire release from his pastoral work, and was accordingly dismissed Aug. 26, 1862. During the twenty-two years of his connection with this church upwards of two hundred persons were received to membership, and not less than three seasons of special revival interest were enjoyed.

In August, 1862, he removed to the neighboring parish of Wallingford with a view of supplying there as his strength would admit. The change was greatly beneficial. He regained his health in good measure, and, after serving the church with acceptance as acting pastor upwards of six years, he was installed as pastor March 10, 1869, Rev. Leonard Tenney of Barre preaching the sermon. He continued his active labors until December, 1876, when his strength entirely failed. In the following summer he was removed to Rutland, where, at times hopeful that he might yet preach again, and retaining to the last his relish for social intercourse, and his interest in public affairs, he waited in patience for the end. After being disabled he tendered to the church in Wallingford his resignation, which, however, they preferred not to act upon, and the pastoral relation con-

tinued till his death. He died at Rutland July 24, 1878, having just entered his 67th year.

Dr. Walker was a man of unquestionable integrity and soundness, and of no inferior culture; an able preacher, and judicious and faithful in every department of his work. He was long regarded as among the first of Vermont pastors. That he was a successful minister is attested, not only by the general esteem in which he was held, and the peculiar attachment of his own people, but by the more than three hundred and fifty names enrolled in membership during his connection with the two churches which he served.

He was chosen a member of the Corporation of Middlebnry College in 1853, and received the honorary degree of D. D. from the same in 1867. He was also a corporate member of the A. B. C. F. M. from 1873; Register of the General Convention from 1856 to 1870, and a member of the Fairbanks Board of Education from its beginning. In 1871 he was the preacher before the General Convention at Springfield, and chosen Moderator of the same, and he was again Moderator in 1872, at Brattleboro.

He was married, April 30, 1841, to Mary Ann, daughter of Col. Abel and Lydia (Challis) Baker, of Lebanon, N. H., who, with two children, a son and a daughter, survives him. The son, Aldace F., was a graduate of Middlebury College in 1862, and a Colonel in the United States Army.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1878.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. KNOWLTON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Addison,	1801	.....	.....	....	....	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bridport,	1790	W.W.Winchester,	P.	1854	1866	66	112	178	47	1	7	8	0	3	0	3	1	0	343	200	200	$65 00	$122 28	$14 25	0	0	$20 00	$221 53
Bristol,	1805	.....	.....	....	....	14	18	32	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	....	0	50 00	24 00	0	0	0	74 00
Cornwall,	1785	J. C. Houghton,	A. P.	1868	1879	55	111	166	27	15	0	15	5	3	1	9	12	0	230	135	90	50 31	66 34	45 34	0	0	50 20	212 19
Ferrisburgh,	1824	C. S. Murkland,	S.		1878	23	51	74	5	9	0	9	1	0	0	1	9	1	75	50	27	7 00	0	0	0	0	18 00	25 00
Middlebury,	1790	E. P. Hooker,	P.	1861	1870	147	250	397	75	11	5	16	5	6	2	13	7	1	230	289	200	219 57	224 03	37 28	0	$6 00	55 27	542 15
New Haven,	1797	Stephen Knowlton	P.	1865	1872	111	192	303	45	17	2	19	2	4	0	6	15	2	240	185	130	164 71	323 43	39 37	$14 42	15 00	18 00	574 93
Orwell,	1789	M. L. Severance,	P.	1864	1869	75	114	189	37	2	2	4	4	0	0	4	2	6	228	158	112	66 61	135 00	26 20	16 76	40 00	6 26	290 83
Ripton,	1828	C. H. Kent,	P.	1828	1861	25	34	59	16	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	65	50	29	45 00	30 00	27 00	0	25 00	0	127 00
Salisbury,	1804	H. Van Decar,	A. P.	1876	1877	25	44	69	15	4	5	9	1	1	0	2	0	0	102	110	65	0	0	4 96	0	0	0	4 96
Shoreham,	1784	W. N. Bacon,	P.	1859	1864	83	31	114	10	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	1	0	80	125	60	23 00	95 00	0	0	0	5 00	123 00
Vergennes,	1793	G. E. Hall,	P.	1875	1877	88	170	258	36	43	14	57	5	5	0	10	22	4	130	200	78	80 00	85 00	20 00	0	0	45 00	230 00
Weybridge,	1794	C. B. Hulburt, D.D	A. P.	1859	1875	32	57	89	9	7	0	7	0	4	0	4	0	0	100	69	32	21 73	0	0	0	0	0	21 73
Whiting,	1799	.....	.....	....	....	4	10	14	0	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	2	0	55	50	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 00
Total, 14.		7 P., 3 A. P., 1 S.				749	1195	1944	330	112	37	149	29	30	3	62	71	15	1878	1604	1049	$742 93	$1131 08	$238 40	$31 18	$86 00	$217 73	$2447 32

Without Charge—Eben Smith, Stillman Morgan, Middlebury.

Dismissed—S. W. Magill, D. D., Cornwall, Sept. 1, 1878.

Licentiates—Prof. Solon Albee, Prof. Ezra Brainard, Prof. D. McGregor Means, Middlebury.

Meeting of Conference—Third Tuesday in December. *Register*—S. Knowlton.

2. BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. L. C. PARTRIDGE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Arlington East	1843	J. C. McCollom,	A. P.	1869	1873	8	37	45	8	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	50	80	50	$15 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	$15 50
Bennington 1st	1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	1843	1853	58	116	174	49	3	2	5	3	2	0	5	2	0	140	....	....	28 11	$200 00	.....	.....	.....	$105 50	333 61
" 2d.	1836	E. G. Read,	P.	1865	1875	69	189	258	36	25	4	29	5	5	1	11	15	7	299	250	125	128 38	223 78	$76 62	$43 02	$52 96	124 97	649 73
" No.	1868	L. C. Partridge,	A. P.	1860	1875	25	46	71	14	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	3	118	118	64	.....	20 11	10 06	.....	.....	98 50	128 67
Dorset,	1784	P. S. Pratt,	P.	1847	1856	32	88	120	16	0	2	2	4	1	0	5	0	1	186	150	110	20 70	71 82	25 00	10 00	9 16	38 78	175 46
" East,	1867	J. L. Harrington,	A. P.	1876	1879	10	19	29	0	21	4	25	0	0	0	0	16	1	78	80	....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	12 00
Manchester,	1784	A. C. Reed,	P.	1863	1878	84	140	224	21	0	1	1	5	7	0	12	0	0	305	192	75	.....	131 90	89 56	.....	.....	75 28	296 74
Peru,	1807	Charles Scott,	A. P.	1854	1878	42	66	108	25	2	3	5	2	0	0	2	1	0	250	150	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pownal No.,	1851	.....	.....	....	..	13	38	56	26	14	8	22	0	0	0	0	13	2	112	150	50	... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rupert,	1788	A. B. Lambert,	A. P.	1837	1874	21	46	67	8	6	1	7	2	0	0	2	1	0	100	100	50	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	65 00
Sandgate,	1782	C. H. Coolidge,	S.	....	1879	8	7	15	0	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 11			4 P., 5 A. P., 1 S.			375	792	1167	203	72	28	100	26	15	1	42	49	14	1629	1270	574	$192 69	$688 61	$201 24	$53 02	$62 12	$479 03	$1676 71

Without Charge—James Anderson, Joseph D. Wickham, D. D., Manchester; Charles Redfield, East Arlington.

Installed—Rev. Albert C. Reed, Manchester, Dec. 19, 1878.

Licentiate—Henry H. Shaw, Saxton's River.

Meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday of May. *Register*—P. S. Pratt.

3. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Barnet,	1858	N. R. Nichols,	P.	1872	1873	39	69	108	11	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	100	147	65	$34 32	$87 65	$19 00	$5 66	$4 90	$36 13	$187 66
" McIndoes	1829	N. F. Cobleigh,	A. P.	1871	1877	27	98	125	10	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	1	110	112	100	16 00	43 50	12 10	0	0	8 28	79 88
Burke East,	1807	H. R. Howes,	A. P.	1870	1878	21	30	51	....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	60	75	25	8 29	0	0	0	0	8 67	16 96
Cabot,	1801	B. S. Adams,	P.	1871	1871	45	78	123	28	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	100	135	86	19 00	11 00	11 50	0	0	25 00	66 50
Danville,	1792	C. W. Thompson,	P.	1869	1869	39	86	125	12	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	125	135	90	23 31	58 45	20 00	0	0	15 00	116 76
Hardwick,	1803	C. E. Gordon,	P.	1876	1878	56	101	157	23	0	2	2	3	9	0	12	0	0	140	117	70	33 83	4 50	26 00	0	0	33 00	97 33
Kirby,	1877	H. R. Howes,	A. P.	1870	1878	14	11	25	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	25	25	15	13 08	0	0	0	0	6 00	19 08
Lyndon,	1817	.....	.....	....	....	24	68	92	25	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	120	113	100	22 00	13 18	11 00	0	0	10 65	56 83
" Lynd'ville,	1870	W. P. Bennett,	A. P.	1870	1875	31	62	93	16	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	221	113	80	11 70	1 76	11 00	0	0	35 86	60 32
Peacham,	1794	A. W. Wild,	P.	1864	1873	56	146	202	29	2	6	8	2	3	1	6	2	0	200	216	97	45 68	59 44	36 69	14 51	0	38 12	194 44
St. Johns'ry 1st	1809	J. Hammond,	A. P.	1871	1878	28	62	90	45	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	90	45	5 00	5 00	2 00	0	0	7 00	19 00
" No.	1825	H. W. Jones,	P.	1866	1875	144	264	408	72	6	8	14	6	8	0	14	3	2	357	297	164	1903 68	2704 34	522 83	40 42	60 63	1044 66	6076 56
" E.	1840	F. B. Phelps,	P.	1870	1879	43	83	126	28	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	126	120	80	45 00	70 00	30 00	0	0	25 00	170 00
" So.	1851	E. T. Fairbanks,	P.	1868	1874	163	235	398	70	6	5	11	5	6	0	11	4	6	448	358	190	2303 42	1109 53	229 06	2856 00	374 97	15 00	6887 98
Waterford,	1798	C. F. Morse.	A. P.	1856	1878	57	78	135	39	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	1	121	115	65	28 41	44 78	0	0	0	22 71	95 90
Total, 15		8 P., 6 A. P.				787	1471	2258	410	18	27	45	36	39	1	76	13	14	2318	2168	1272	$4512 72	$4213 13	$931 18	$2916 59	$440 50	$1331 08	$14345 20

Without Charge—Henry Fairbanks, Homer T. Fuller, William W. Thayer, St. Johnsbury.

Deceased—Moses B. Bradford, McIndoes, Sept. 23, 1878.

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4. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. G. B. SAFFORD, D. D.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congreg'tion.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Burlington 1st,	1805	L. O. Brastow,	P.	1861	1873	133	258	391	72	19	6	25	8	4	0	12	17	7	221	375	175	$418 47	$418 75	$118 50	$9 00	5 60	$164 12	$1134 44
" 3d,	1860	G. B. Safford,	P.	1858	1860	54	119	173	29	27	10	37	2	4	0	6	15	3	150	275	75	160 98	151 19	20 61	.....	14 41	71 54	418 73
Charlotte,	1792	.....	.....	...	...	44	58	102	....	21	1	22	3	0	0	3	18	1	100	150	42	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	31 00	61 00
Colchester,	1804	A. S. Barton,	A. P.	1862	1877	8	48	56	16	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	90	66	50	24 39	16 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 01
" Winooski,	1836	A. A. Baker,	A. P.	1854	1878	13	45	58	21	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	90	100	50	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 50
Essex,	1791	John Cowan,	A. P.	1875	1875	26	58	84	22	1	0	1	3	1	1	5	0	0	115	75	27	10 00	16 62	6 00	.....	.....	3 50	36 12
" Junction,	1869	John Cowan,	A. P.	1875	1876	17	36	53	17	4	3	7	1	1	0	2	3	3	220	100	40	11 74	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 24
Hinesburgh,	1789	W. D. Smock, L.	S.	.....	1878	19	56	75	23	1	0	1	3	6	0	9	1	0	82	150	22	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	12 50	20 00
Jericho 1st,	1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	1860	1864	29	55	84	14	6	3	9	3	2	0	5	6	0	230	140	75	84 65	32 50	20 05	.....	.....	10 00	97 20
" 2d,	1826	J. D. Emerson,	A. P.	1858	1878	14	36	50	5	3	1	4	3	0	0	3	3	0	105	100	100	7 00	124 00	15 00	.....	.....	16 66	164 66
Milton,	1804	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1869	20	47	67	6	2	0	2	3	1	0	4	1	0	198	103	....	.....	24 00	8 69	.....	.....	94 15	126 84
" West,	1853	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1870	9	18	27	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	50	23	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00
Richmond,	1801	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	1860	1875	10	27	37	11	2	1	3	1	3	0	4	2	0	75	75	50	20 45	19 50	14 37	.....	.....	14 00	68 32
South Hero,	1795	O. G. Wheeler,	P.	1840	1840	28	74	102	13	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	....	200	60	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Underhill,	1801	J. D. Emerson,	A. P.	1858	1876	36	54	90	22	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	145	130	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westford,	1801	G. P. Byington,	A. P.	1868	1869	30	75	105	17	0	9	9	2	4	0	6	0	0	250	140	75	20 00	53 16	.....	.....	.....	41 50	114 66
Williston,	1800	F. W. Olmsted.	A. P.	1848	1877	24	42	66	20	1	1	2	2	2	0	4	0	1	45	65	30	25 00	31 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 00
Total, 17		3 P., 12 A. P., 1 S.				514	1106	1620	311	90	35	125	40	33	1	74	68	19	2146	2294	994	$738 18	$915 34	$233 22	$9 00	$20 01	$458 97	$2374 72

Without Charge—James Buckham, J. K. Converse, J. E. Goodrich, J. H. Worcester, D. D., H. A. P. Torrey, H. P. Hickok, A. J. Willard, M. D., Burlington; J. C. Wilder, Charlotte; C. M. Seaton, Essex Junction.

Dismissed—C. C. Torrey, Charlotte, Sept. 1, 1878.

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5. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. DUREN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregtion.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Excl.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Granby & Vic.,	1825	Charles Duren,	A. P.	1841	1874	16	23	39	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	64	40	39	$21 07	$30 00	$11 00	0	0	$7 03	$69 10
Guildhall,	1799	L. G. Chase,	A. P.	1870	1878	16	38	54	18	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	58	40	10 00	25 70	0	0	0	3 25	38 95
Lunenburgh,	1802	L. W. Harris.	A. P.	1842	1878	21	45	66	29	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	86	60	43	8 00	20 00	8 00	0	0	18 50	54 50
Total, 3		3 A. P.				53	106	159	56	0	2	2	5	0	0	5	0	0	205	158	122	$39 07	$75 70	$19 00	0	0	$28 78	$162 55

Without Charge—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.

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6. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. A. B. SWIFT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Alburgh,	1824	R. Hicks,	A. P.	1867	1877	23	66	89	24	8	0	8	3	2	0	5	5	0	129	95	55	$23 38	$1 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	$25 00
Bakersfield,	1811	J. K. Fuller,	A. P.	1876	1877	38	77	115	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	106	47	3 00	5 00	.....	$2 00	.....	$51 50	61 50
Berkshire E.,	1820	E. W. Hatch,	P.	1866	1866	32	44	76	5	0	0	0	1	5	1	7	0	1	100	90	32	7 50	8 50	.....	.....	.....	23 75	39 75
Enosburgh,	1811	A. B. Swift,	A. P.	1855	1861	70	82	152	30	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	3	126	75	40	.....	150 00	$46 00	10 00	.....	38 50	244 50
Fairfield,	1800	J. Kidder, L.	S.	....	....	8	15	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin,	1817	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	17	34	51	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	65	22	.....	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	7 50
Georgia,	1793	J. Hay,	A. P.	1832	1877	23	47	70	26	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0	60	75	27	6 67	73 91	7 86	.....	.....	.....	88 44
Highgate,	1811	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1878	17	35	52	17	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	65	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery,	1817	E. W. Hatch,	A. P.	1866	1866	15	22	37	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	60	50	17	5 50	.....	11 15	.....	.....	6 60	22 65
Sheldon,	1816	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	20	34	54	10	1	5	6	1	1	0	2	0	4	40	....	....	3 22	35 00	8 73	2 00	.....	.....	48 95
St. Albans,	1803	C. Van Norden,	P.	1866	1873	141	202	343	25	9	7	16	8	3	2	13	5	2	220	325	200	408 56	268 17	69 69	19 55	.....	308 05	1074 02
Swanton,	1801	J. H. Babbitt.	A. P.	1868	1877	60	111	171	26	3	6	9	2	1	0	3	3	0	140	133	90	68 50	33 45	30 18	.....	.....	21 05	153 18
Total, 12		2 P., 9 A. P., 1 S.				461	769	1233	216	22	18	40	17	21	3	41	14	10	1076	1104	548	$526 33	$575 65	$181 11	$33 55		$448 85	$1765 49

Without Charge—L. S. French, Franklin; C. B. Cady, Alburgh Spa; C. W. Clark, Georgia.

Licentiate—Josiah Kidder, Fairfield.

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7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. JOHN G. HALE.

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						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Cambridge,	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	A. P.	1856	1876	26	45	71	5	4	1	5	1	1	0	2	3	0	125	125	48	0	$27 00	$165 00	0	0	$50 00	$242 00
Hydepark,	1863	.....	.....	....	....	4	19	23	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" North,	1858	.....	.....	....	....	7	8	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson,	1817	.....	.....	....	....	30	62	92	16	0	0	0	5	10	0	15	0	0	133	127	60	$17 85	25 00	18 50	0	0	40 00	101 35
Morrisville,	1807	W. T. Swinnerton,	A. P.	1876	1878	51	74	125	28	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	160	140	70	0	12 00	0	0	0	10 00	22 00
Stowe,	1818	J. G. Hale,	A. P.	1852	1877	23	60	83	20	7	3	10	0	5	2	7	6	1	136	104	50	116 00	102 57	43 71	0	0	8 00	270 28
Waterville,	1823	Joseph Garland,	A. P.	1848	1877	8	20	28	6	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	110	100	70	8 62	0	2 20	0	0	5 00	15 82
Wolcott,	1818	J. A. Bates.	A. P.	1860	1877	24	42	66	19	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	100	85	64	19 00	31 00	0	0	0	5 00	55 00
Total, 8		5 A. P.				173	330	503	81	13	4	17	11	18	2	31	10	2	764	681	362	$161 47	$197 57	$229 41	0	0	$118 00	$706 45

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8. ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. Bates.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregtn.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church	Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Bradford,	1810	L. H. Elliot,	A. P.	1866	1873	81	121	152	17	0	2	2	3	1	0	4	0	3	244	166	150	$86 72	$102 87	$35 35	$14 56	0	0	$38 68	$278 18
Braintree,	1794	.....	.....	....	....	10	19	29	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
" E.,	1871	C. H. Covell,	A. P.	1860	1877	17	44	61	7	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	145	105	80	15 00	0	0	0	0	0	22 00	37 00
Boookfield 1st,	1785	G. B. Tolman,	A. P.	1862	1871	36	68	104	7	5	2	7	2	2	0	4	3	3	140	100	60	40 00	44 00	15 00	0	0	0	11 27	110 27
" 2d.	1848	W. A. Bushee,	P.	1869	1868	53	85	138	10	1	0	1	4	7	0	11	1	9	148	115	70	33 64	58 50	18 22	0	0	0	14 00	125 36
Chelsea,	1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	1864	1870	73	121	194	25	4	2	6	2	2	0	4	3	0	185	175	202	15 00	70 00	21 00	0	0	0	29 00	135 00
Corinth,	1820	C. M. Winch,	A. P.	1853	1869	54	117	171	29	9	3	12	3	1	0	4	8	2	160	150	100	10 00	20 00	0	0	0	0	0	30 00
Fairlee,	1833	J. T. Closson,	A. P.	1871	1878	13	27	40	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	70	40	0	17 00	0	0	0	0	21 75	38 75
Newbury,	1764	S. L. Bates,	P.	1864	1871	49	136	185	34	2	1	3	7	3	0	10	2	2	185	240	125	152 07	291 00	59 44	0	0	0	182 63	685 14
" Wells R.,	1842	E. J. Ranslow,	A. P.	1869	1875	65	140	205	32	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	267	265	250	60 65	38 00	29 23	0	0	0	61 00	188 88
" W.	1867	A. B. Lyon,	A. P.	1858	1875	19	30	49	7	2	4	6	3	0	0	3	2	0	90	75	70	17 11	20 09	13 75	0	0	0	0	50 95
Orange,	1876	Vacant,	.....	....	....	20	33	53	11	3	2	5	2	0	0	2	3	0	168	65	....	1 25	9 00	0	0	0	0	0	10 25
Randolph,	1786	W. S. Blaisdell,	A. P.	1868	1876	40	62	102	14	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	121	110	38	20 35	31 00	20 00	0	0	0	16	87 35
" W.	1831	V. M. Hardy,	P.	1872	1878	55	85	140	33	0	6	6	3	1	0	4	0	1	193	148	85	6 30	53 00	6 00	0	0	0	0	65 30
Strafford,	1829	Henry Cummings,	P.	1851	1874	19	40	59	8	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	85	66	36	50 00	58 60	20 00	5 00	0	0	15 00	148 60
Thetford,	1783	B. B. Sherman,	A. P.	....	1878	44	90	134	47	0	2	2	8	15	0	23	0	0	140	147	62	53 99	73 15	19 00	10 00	0	0	54 25	210 39
" Post Mills,	1849	James Caldwell,	A. P.	1837	1877	23	48	71	15	9	1	10	0	2	0	2	0	0	90	80	50	0	69 89	0	0	0	0	79 50	149 39
" North,	1878	J. T. Closson,	A. P.	1871	1878	10	21	31	0	12	19	31	0	0	0	0	6	0	80	110	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tunbridge,	1792	G. W. Osgood,	P.	1878	1877	22	27	49	8	1	6	7	1	5	1	7	0	0	100	59	53	6 37	5 68	2 59	2	0	0	11 80	28 44
Vershire,	1787	.....	.....	....	....	13	31	44	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Fairlee,	1869	W. Schofield,	A. P.	1874	1879	25	35	60	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	50	60	27	20 40	0	25 65	0	0	0	0	46 05
Williamstown,	1795	J. P. Demeritt.	A. P.	1870	1875	34	63	97	6	0	4	4	2	1	0	3	0	0	97	90	61	17 00	42 94	1 50	0	0	0	7 50	68 94
Total 22		6 P., 13 A. P.				725	1443	2168	368	49	59	108	48	43	2	93	29	22	2808	2446	1604	$605 85	$1004 72	$286 73	$31 56	0	0	$564 38	$2493 24

Without Charge—Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Isaac Hosford, North Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire.

Deceased—Solon Martin, West Fairlee, Nov. 9, 1878.

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Albany,	1818	S. W. Chapin,	A. P.	1878	1877	18	32	50	5	6	0	6	1	2	0	3	5	0	80	85	40	$5 00	$5 00	0	.....	.....	$2 50	$12 50
Barton,	1817	Lawrence Phelps,	P.	1878	1878	23	75	98	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	138	160	100	0	12 00	0	.....	.....	0	12 00
Brighton,	1841	C. C. Torrey,	A. P.	1855	1878	5	9	14	....	2	1	3	0	5	0	5	0	0	....	50	....	0	0	0	.....	.....	0	0
Brownlug'n, Barton L'd'g	1809	John Frazer,	A. P.	1852	1879	44	73	117	11	3	3	6	6	5	0	11	2	0	133	125	55	10 35	12 00	13 25	.....	.....	0	35 60
Charleston,	1844	W. T. Herrick,	A. P.	1851	1872	34	50	84	16	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	131	105	52	78 13	67 00	12 00	.....	$6 00	5 00	168 13
Coventry,	1810	W. C. Somerville,	A. P.	1851	1873	25	62	87	14	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	0	0	140	....	56	0	7 00	15 34	.....	.....	13 70	36 04
Craftsbury,	1797	Joseph Boardman,	A. P.	1861	1875	31	87	118	25	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	0	2	....	100	58	28 81	86 92	23 83	$15 58	.....	3 54	158 68
Derby,	1807	E. P. Wild,	A. P.	1865	1877	33	65	98	13	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	1	155	116	85	12 34	97 50	10 00	.....	.....	8 50	128 34
Glover,	1817	C. B. Thomas,	P.	1862	1876	34	73	107	18	4	2	6	0	2	0	2	4	0	75	110	90	17 75	22 00	0	.....	.....	15 27	55 02
Greensboro,	1804	Moses Patten,	P.	1860	1876	23	53	76	14	9	5	14	0	1	0	1	3	2	138	103	62	30 41	39 98	22 87	5 00	.....	31 67	129 93
Holland,	1842	John Frazer,	A. P.	1852	1878	11	23	34	4	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	....	80	35	0	7 00	0	.....	.....	3 00	10 00
Irasburgh,	1818	.....	.....	....	....	27	44	71	12	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	202	124	58	12 00	4 00	0	4 20	.....	15 25	35 45
Lowell,	1816	.....	.....	....	....	41	54	95	20	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	3	1	92	115	....	4 45	5 00	0	.....	.....	8 00	17 45
Morgan,	1823	W. T. Herrick,	A. P.	1851	1875	6	16	22	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	90	24	6 00	6 00	0	.....	.....	0	12 00
Newport,	1831	E. P. Wild,	P.	1865	1874	49	83	132	18	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	150	155	88	50 25	114 68	7 00	.....	.....	13 33	185 26
Troy,	1845	.....	.....	....	....	2	8	10	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	35	0	0	0	.....	.....	0	0
" North,	1818	G. S. Butler,	P.	1877	1876	32	54	86	20	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	....	130	150	0	0	0	.....	.....	4 00	4 00
Westfield,	1818	.....	.....	....	....	23	37	60	10	15	2	17	1	3	0	4	11	0	75	90	30	4 00	6 00	0	.....	.....	5 00	15 00
Total, 18		5 P., 9 A., P.				461	898	1359	203	47	20	67	20	30	2	52	31	10	1635	1788	1018	$259 49	$492 68	$104 29	$24 78	$6 00	$128 76	$1015 40

Without Charge—Robert V. Hall, Newport; Jabez T. Howard, West Charleston; George Stone, North Troy.

Ordained—Samuel W. Chapin, Albany, March 12, 1878; Lawrence Phelps, Barton, Sept. 5, 1878.

Installed—Chauncey B. Thomas, Glover, Jan. 24, 1878.

Licentiate—Royal D. Metcalf.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—E. P. Wild.

10. RUTLAND CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

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						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Benson,	1790	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	97	154	39	11	0	11	3	2	0	5	9	0	125	125	....	$44 00	$45 00	$12 00	0	0	0	$101 00
Brandon,	1785	S. P. Wilder,	P.	1875	1876	75	159	234	55	47	7	54	4	9	0	13	30	3	160	174	130	131 25	114 00	53 17	0	0	$46 25	344 67
Castleton,	1784	E. T. Hooker,	P.	1868	1875	45	124	169	10	3	4	7	3	2	0	5	2	2	80	100	70	42 20	54 68	12 05	$8 00	0	33 00	149 93
Clarendon,	1822	Geo. H. Morss,	P.	1864	1877	23	43	66	11	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	149	90	82	10 50	15 00	26 42	10 00	0	22 50	84 42
Danby,	1869	Lucian D. Mears,	A. P.	1871	1876	6	20	26	11	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	5	0	83	38	25	9 65	9 00	2 16	0	0	3 50	24 31
Fair Haven,	1803	M. A. Munson,	A. P.	1866	1878	32	71	103	18	2	0	2	1	8	0	9	2	0	110	114	65	20 50	75 00	51 87	0	0	0	147 37
" Welsh,	1857	J. W. Pugh,	P.	....	1879	13	34	47	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	66	65	30	12 00	0	0	0	0	15 00	27 00
Hubbardton,	1782	John H. Thyng,	A. P	1852	1877	18	26	44	9	6	1	7	4	4	0	8	5	0	114	70	40	4 51	0	0	0	0	.....	4 51
Middletown,	1780	Osborn Myrick,	A. P.	1846	1866	37	50	87	15	37	3	40	2	1	0	3	21	0	129	100	80	12 00	25 00	0	0	0	0	37 00
Pawlet,	1781	Geo. A. Foss,	A. P.	1874	1878	15	87	102	27	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	60	130	65	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	9 00
Pittsford,	1784	Russell T. Hall,	P.	1870	1870	73	156	229	31	22	7	29	7	0	1	8	17	0	208	195	130	168 85	149 04	65 00	25 00	$25 00	15	445 89
Poultney,	1780	Calvin Granger,	A. P.	1834	1873	26	49	75	28	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	60	60	22	2 14	38 52	0	0	0	40 00	80 66
Rutland West,	1778	J. K. Williams,	A. P.	1866	1872	98	179	277	23	9	6	15	6	8	0	14	4	10	240	200	135	99 07	90 00	17 10	0	0	51 92	258 09
Rutland,	1788	J. G. Johnson,	P.	1866	1870	229	368	597	94	125	28	153	8	7	0	15	96	32	459	420	351	232 28	670 68	5 89	50 00	0	0	958 85
Sudbury,	1791	E. F. Abbott,	A. P.	1846	1878	8	15	23	8	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	64	59	55	11 90	0	0	0	0	0	11 90
Wallingford,	1792	E. S. Huntress,	A. P.	1869	1875	49	110	159	22	3	2	5	3	1	0	4	2	0	95	174	85	119 00	68 00	0	0	0	0	187 00
West Haven,	1817	.....	.....	....	....	5	9	14	....	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	40	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 17		6 P., 9 A. P.				809	1597	2406	401	278	63	341	49	43	1	93	199	48	2242	2144	1365	$923 85	$1353 92	$245 66	$93 00	$25 00	$230 17	$2871 60

Without Charge—Ulric Maynard, Levi H. Stone, Wm. Denison, Castleton; Amasa Stewart, Pittsford.

Deceased—Aldace Walker, D. D., Rutland, July 24. 1878.

Register—J. K. Williams.

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						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Barre,	1799	Leonard Tenney,	A. P.	1845	1868	70	133	203	39	3	3	6	2	2	0	4	3	0	252	170	125	$22 70	$52 75	$15 00	0	0	$70 53	$160 98
Berlin,	1798	William Schofield,	A. P.	1874	1876	26	41	67	26	6	0	6	2	2	0	4	4	0	126	104	39	0	11 75	11 25	0	0	34 10	57 10
" West,	1865	William Schofield,	A. P.	1874	1878	5	13	18	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	60	20	13 00	0	0	0	0	0	13 00
Duxbury,	1836	C. A. Smith, M.	S.	....	1878	10	9	19	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	89	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshfield,	1826	P. H. Pitkin,	P.	1866	1878	20	33	53	11	0	2	2	0	0	3	3	0	1	60	64	18	19 00	16 00	0	0	0	23 85	58 85
Montpelier,	1808	J. B. Hincks,	P.	1877	1877	74	174	248	64	2	1	3	4	6	3	13	2	7	220	250	190	166 71	231 50	32 00	$5 [illegible]	0	119 63	555 77
Northfield,	1822	W. S. Hazen,	P.	1864	1863	40	80	120	16	2	6	8	1	3	0	4	1	2	132	125	74	40 34	52 86	[illegible] 45	13 31	0	36 80	169 76
Plainfield,	1799	C. E. Ferrin,	P.	1851	1877	14	21	35	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	73	88	50	18 22	28 50	[illegible]	0	0	10 49	57 21
Roxbury,	1864	Alden Ladd,	P.	1864	1863	22	38	60	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	70	35	20 00	0	12 50	0	0	0	32 50
Waitsfield,	1796	S. H. Robinson,	P.	1877	1877	42	94	136	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	150	140	100	11 00	30 00	19 00	0	0	17 00	77 00
Warren,	1816	Vacant.	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	0	0	....	....	....	....	0	0	....	....	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterbury,	1801	S. H. Wheeler,	P.	1875	1875	66	113	179	16	5	2	7	1	0	0	1	5	0	178	175	150	1030 00	587 00	519 00	0	0	15 00	2151 00
Woodbury,	1875	Horace Herrick,	A. P.	1844	1877	19	29	48	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	70	40	5 25	0	0	0	0	0	5 25
Worcester,	1824	P. H. Carpenter,	P.	1879	1878	9	41	50	22	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	60	75	40	12 00	2 00	0	0	0	6 38	20 38
Total, 14		8 P., 4 A. P., 1 S.				417	819	1236	241	19	18	37	17	14	6	37	16	12	1471	1460	931	$138 22	$1012 86	$631 20	$19 24	0	$33 3 28	$3834 80

Without Charge—Charles S. Smith, Sec'y V. D. M. S., A. D. Barber, Editor *Vermont Chronicle*, John F. Stone, Montpelier; Horace Pratt, Northfield.

Ordained—Philo H. Carpenter, Worcester, Jan. 21, 1879.

Installed—Clark E. Ferrin, Plainfield, Feb. 13, 1878; Paul Henry Pitkin, Marshfield, March 14, 1878.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—Wm. S. Hazen.

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						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Brattleboro W.,	1770	C. H. Merrill,	P.	1870	1873	66	110	176	20	1	9	10	0	2	0	2	1	0	220	170	84	$137 88	$93 66	$56 15	$9 52	$22 86	$5 73	$325 80
"	1816	Geo. E. Martin,	A. P.	....	1878	85	211	296	38	3	2	5	3	7	0	10	1	1	266	400	140	348 12	453 19	37 86	38 71	0	79 17	957 05
Dover West,	1808	A. C. Field,	A. P.	1868	1878	17	25	42	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	50	24	0	0	7 50	0	0	0	7 50
"	1872	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dummerston,	1779	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	62	84	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	90	80	31 34	49 00	9 00	0	0	1 00	90 41
Grafton,	1785	E. J. Ward,	P.	1868	1867	30	74	104	28	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	100	....	70	0	56 48	16 00	0	0	9 00	81 48
Guilford East,	1768	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	6	6	....	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamaica,	1791	Orrin G. Baker,	P.	1878	1878	20	41	61	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	84	42	12 00	7 00	6 10	5 00	0	3 51	33 61
Londonderry,	1808	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	24	33	13	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	20	25	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marlboro,	1776	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newfane,																												
" Fayetteville,	1774	Charles Burnham,	A. P.	....	1874	23	65	88	22	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	126	70	62	8 53	5 45	2 61	0	0	0	23 59
Putney,	1776	Austin Dodge,	A. P.	1866	1878	21	65	86	13	5	0	5	2	2	0	4	3	0	115	135	38	10 00	45 50	0	0	0	2 50	58 00
Rockingham,																												
" Saxton's Riv.,	1825	Amos Holbrook,	A. P.	1866	1876	30	56	86	12	2	2	4	2	2	0	4	2	1	93	113	49	26 30	35 00	16 50	0	0	3 00	80 80
" Bellows Falls,	1850	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	52	87	17	2	3	5	1	4	0	5	1	0	106	115	75	20 00	32 00	18 38	0	0	62 25	132 63
" Cambridge'rt,	1868	Amos Holbrook,	A. P.	1866	1878	11	19	30	4	3	0	3	2	2	0	4	3	0	80	72	39	6 00	0	0	0	0	0	6 00
Stratton,	1802	F. H. Butler, Bap.	S.	1875	1875	2	12	14	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	45	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Townshend,	1777	George Porter,	A. P.	1861	1877	44	70	114	23	9	8	17	3	0	0	3	4	0	125	145	60	20 00	0	0	0	0	50 00	70 00
" West,	1850	C. J. Switzer,	A. P.	1867	1878	14	32	46	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	70	75	45	0	0	0	0	0	4 63	4 63
Wardsboro South,	1828	R. D. Metcalf,	S.	.....	1879	11	24	35	....	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	75	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westminster,	1767	Pliny F. Barnard,	A. P.	1847	1873	29	91	120	9	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	3	185	134	90	42 25	54 20	9 05	5 13	0	10 03	121 66
" West,	1799	A. Stevens,	P.	1843	1842	43	46	89	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	150	125	80	174 00	328 00	174 00	0	0	10 75	686 75
Wilmington,	1855	L. E. Rockwell, M.	S.	....	1878	33	57	90	35	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	90	140	21	0	3 00	9 60	0	0	10 50	23 10
Windham.	1805	D. N. Goodrich,	P.	1865	1875	36	65	101	20	3	2	5	1	1	0	2	1	4	150	90	68	13 55	55 70	18 94	.....	.....	38 02	126 21
Total 23.			5 P., 9 A. P., 3 S.			581	1207	1788	304	29	31	60	21	28	1	50	17	15	2165	2153	1127	$850 04	$1218 18	$388 69	$58 36	$22 86	$290 09	$2828 22

Without Charge—Augustus Chandler, Editor *Record & Farmer*, Brattleboro; Lewis Grout, Agent A. M. A., West Brattleboro; Amos Foster, Putney; Chas. Burnham, Fayetteville.

Ordained—Orrin G. Baker, Jamaica, Feb. 19, 1878.

Dismissed—Nathan F. Carter, Bellows Falls, May 22, 1879.

Meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in September.

Register—C. H. Merrill.

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Bethel,	1817	Elbridge Gerry,	A. P.	1868	1872	12	38	50	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	77	85	42	$12 50	$6 94	$8 60	.....	.....	$11 54	$39 58
Bridgewater,	1793	E. P. Armstrong,	S.	....	1879	12	27	39	4	15	3	18	0	0	0	0	12	7	....	80	....	195 00	6 83	.....	.....	.....	15 00	216 83
Chester,	1773	H. L. Slack,	P.	1877	1877	58	123	181	25	9	2	11	2	8	0	10	7	0	160	190	91	99 10	76 50	42 50	$8 15	$4 22	75 15	305 62
Hartford,	1786	S. I. Briant,	P.	1868	1875	58	113	171	24	4	1	5	5	7	0	12	1	0	260	190	136	43 56	143 58	107 17	2 00	1 00	161 25	458 56
" West,	1830	F. Newport,	S.	....	1878	30	54	84	20	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	55	70	40	.....	7 00	5 30	.....	.....	.....	12 50
" Quechee,	1831	N. F. Carter,	A. P.	1867	1879	12	60	72	27	4	5	9	2	1	0	3	4	1	90	110	60	.....	11 46	15 00	.....	.....	9 59	36 05
Hartland,	1779	R. D. Miller,	A. P.	1856	1875	8	38	46	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	76	66	30	20 00	25 00	5 25	.....	.....	.....	50 25
Ludlow,	1806	G. H. French,	A. P.	1871	1878	32	70	102	39	5	4	9	0	3	0	3	4	1	152	97	40	25 71	23 00	.....	.....	.....	85 67	134 38
Norwich,	1819	Allen Hazen,	A. P.	1846	1877	69	135	204	34	4	9	13	7	5	0	12	1	0	210	191	182	45 00	113 32	28 00	.....	.....	.....	186 32
Pittsfield,	1803	T. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	1839	1878	20	28	48	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	38	60	....	5 00	13 00	5 00	.....	.....	3 00	26 00
Plymouth,	1802	Mason Moore,	A. P.	1867	1877	5	6	11	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pomfret,	1783	.....	.....	....	....	15	27	42	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	46	50	22	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Rochester,	1811	S. S. Grinnell,	A. P.	1879	1878	32	76	108	21	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	90	89	60	.....	23 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 00
Royalton,	1777	S. W. Dike,	A. P.	1869	1879	35	77	112	19	1	3	4	4	2	2	8	1	0	83	96	44	10 50	46 60	14 50	.....	.....	41 75	113 35
" South,	1808	S. K. B. Perkins,	A. P.	1860	1876	19	40	59	7	2	2	4	2	4	0	6	1	0	114	98	58	15 00	2 25	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	22 25
Sharon,	1782	E. B. Chamberlain	A. P.	1856	1874	23	59	82	10	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	122	90	61	35 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
Springfield,	1781	T. M. Boss,	P.	1866	1877	94	235	329	59	2	8	10	6	8	0	14	1	8	222	260	185	845 49	1394 77	511 38	558 83	238 45	343 50	3892 42
Stockbridge,	1827	James Hay,	A. P.	1852	1879	14	30	44	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	68	60	20	15 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	21 00
Weathersf. C.,	1775	L. O. Sherburne,	S.	....	1877	14	21	35	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	60	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" E.,	1838	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Ascutneyv.,	1869	Jarvis Richards,	S.	....	1879	12	18	30	5	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	5	5	70	100	60	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 44	18 44
Weston,	1799	J. R. Flint,	S.	....	1878	14	28	42	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	25	75	30	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Windsor,	1772	Jarvis Richards,	S.	....	1879	51	92	143	30	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	90	120	87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodstock,	1781	L. W. Hicks.	P.	1874	1874	76	166	242	....	7	2	9	4	3	0	7	5	1	170	191	100	104 23	236 63	55 61	23 55	17 78	1243 61	1681 41
Total, 24			4 P., 12 A. P., 6 S.			715	1561	2276	371	60	42	102	42	55	4	99	44	28	2343	2428	1412	$1474 09	$2144 88	$810 51	$592 53	$264 45	$2005 50	$7291 96

Without Charge—Jonathan Clement, D. D., Norwich; J. B. Clark, Ludlow; Franklin Butler, Windsor; J. S. Chapman, Chester; A. S. Swift, Stockbridge.

Ordained—S. S. Grinnell, Rochester, Jan. 14, 1879.

Installed—Thos. M. Boss, Springfield, March 6, 1878.

Deceased—Cyrus B. Drake, D. D., Royalton, April 21, 1878.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—S. Ingersoll Briant.

SUMMARY. January 1, 1879.

CONFER'NCES	Total Churches.	Churches with Pastors.	Churches with A. P.	Churches with Supplies	Vacant Churches.	Net gain.	Net loss.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Licentiates	Without Charge.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total Ministers.	Church Members. Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dismission.	Exclusion.	Total.	Bap's. Adult.	Infant.	Sabbath School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	Benevolent Contributions. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All others.	Total Benev. Contrib.
Addison,	14	8	2	1	3	87	0	8	2	3	4	0	0	1	0	14	749	1195	1944	330	112	37	149	29	30	3	62	71	15	1878	1604	1049	$742 93	$1131 08	$238 40	$31 18	$86 00	$217 73	$2447 32
Bennington,	11	4	4	2	1	58	0	3	4	1	3	0	1	0	0	10	375	792	1167	203	72	28	100	26	15	1	42	49	14	1629	1270	574	192 69	688 61	201 24	53 02	62 12	479 03	1676 71
Caledonia,	15	8	6	0	1	0	31	8	5	5	0	3	0	1	0	2	16	787	1471	2258	410	18	27	45	36	39	1	76	13	14	2318	2168	1272	4512 72	4213 13	931 18	2916 59	440 50	1331 08	14345 20
Chittenden,	17	4	12	1	0	51	0	4	8	1	11	0	0	1	0	24	514	1106	1621	311	90	35	125	40	33	1	74	68	19	2146	2294	994	738 18	915 34	233 22	9 00	20 01	458 97	2374 72
Essex,	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	53	106	159	56	0	2	2	5	0	0	5	0	0	205	158	122	39 07	75 70	19 00	0	0	28 78	162 55
Frank. & Gr. I.	12	2	9	1	0	0	1	2	8	1	3	0	0	0	0	11	461	789	1233	216	22	18	40	17	21	3	41	14	10	1076	1104	548	526 33	575 65	181 11	33 55	0	448 85	1765 49
Lamoille,	8	0	5	0	3	0	14	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	173	330	503	81	13	4	17	11	18	2	31	10	2	764	681	362	161 47	197 57	229 41	0	0	118 00	706 45
Orange,	22	6	14	0	3	15	0	6	14	0	3	1	1	1	1	22	725	1443	2168	368	49	59	108	48	43	2	93	29	22	2808	2446	1004	605 85	1004 72	286 73	31 56	0	564 38	2493 24
Orleans,	18	6	11	1	0	15	0	8	7	1	3	2	2	0	0	16	461	898	1359	203	47	20	67	20	30	2	52	31	10	1635	1788	1018	259 49	492 08	104 29	24 78	6 00	128 76	1015 40
Rutland,	17	6	9	0	2	248	0	6	10	0	4	0	0	0	2	20	809	1597	2406	401	278	63	341	49	43	1	93	199	48	2242	2144	1365	923 85	1353 92	245 66	93 00	25 00	230 17	2871 60
Washington,	14	8	4	1	1	0	0	7	4	0	3	0	2	0	0	14	417	819	1236	241	19	18	37	17	14	6	37	16	12	1471	1460	931	1358 22	1012 36	631 20	19 24	0	333 28	3354 30
Windham,	23	6	9	2	6	10	0	5	8	0	3	1	1	0	0	17	581	1207	1788	304	29	31	60	21	28	1	50	17	15	2165	2153	1127	850 04	1218 18	388 69	58 36	22 86	290 09	2828 22
Windsor,	24	4	11	5	4	3	0	4	10	0	5	0	1	0	1	19	715	1561	2276	371	60	42	102	42	53	4	99	44	28	2343	2428	1412	1474 09	2144 88	810 51	592 53	264 45	2005 50	7291 96
13	198	62	98	14	24	487	47	60	86	7	46	4	9	3	7	192	6823	13224	20117	3495	809	381	1194	361	367	27	755	561	299	22680	21698	12378	$12384 93	$15023 22	$4500 64	$3862 81	$926 94	$6634 62	$43333 16

"ACTING PASTORS" include only ordained Congl. Ministers.—"OTHER SUPPLIES" include Ministers of other denominations.—"NOT SUPPLIED," i. e., statedly by one person.

ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

JULY, 1878. JUNE, 1879.

ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION.

879.	Jan.	14.....	Sylvester S. Grinnell.....	Rochester.

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

878.	Sept.	5.....	Lawrence Phelps.....	Barton.
879.	Jan.	21.....	Philo H. Carpenter.....	Worcester.

INSTALLED.

878.	Dec.	19.....	Albert C. Reed.....	Manchester.
879.	Mar.	13.....	Vitellus M. Hardy.....	West Randolph.
	May	29.....	Frederic B. Phelps.....	St. Johnsbury East.

DISMISSED.

'8.	Sept.	....	Seagrove W. Magill, D.D.	Cornwall.
	Oct.	....	Charles C. Torrey.....	Charlotte.
9.	Mar.	12.....	Levi G. Chase.....	Dummerston.
	April	9.....	Frederic B. Phelps.....	Lowell.
	May	22.....	Nathan F. Carter.....	Bellows Falls.
	May	29.....	John P. Humphrey.....	St. Johnsbury East.

DECEASED.

8.	July	24.....	Aldace Walker, D. D.....	Rutland.
	Sept.	23.....	Moses B. Bradford.....	McIndoes Falls.
	Nov.	9.....	Solon Martin.....	West Fairlee.
	Dec.	24.....	Joseph R. Munsell.....	Harwichport, Mass.
9.	May	6.....	Franklin Tuxbury.....	Watertown, Conn.
	May	15.....	Bezaleel Smith.....	West Randolph.
	May	19.....	John Adams.....	Hillsboro C., N. H.

THE ASSOCIATIONS.

We give the names of the Congregational Ministers of Vermont in their respective Associations, the dates of their ordination and of the beginning of their membership, their residence, and ministerial employment or relation. Also, so far as known, the organization, name of Register and times of meeting of the Associations. (Only the members *in Vermont* of the Associations intersected by the Connecticut river are given.)

ADDISON ASSOCIATION.

W. W. WINCHESTER, Register. 4th Tuesday January, April, July and October.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment*
William P. Aiken,	Jan. 14, 1857,	April 27, 1875,	Rutland,	W. C.
William N. Bacon,	Dec. 28, 1859,	April 25, 1865,	Shoreham,	P.
George E. Hall,	Sept. 2, 1875,	July, 1878,	Vergennes,	P.
Asa Hemenway,	Jan. 22, 1839,	June 2, 1852,	St. Paul, Minn.,	W. C.
Edward P. Hooker,	Nov. 13, 1861,	Oct. 26, 1870,	Middlebury,	P.
Calvin B. Hulbert, D. D.,	Oct. 20, 1859,	April 25, 1860,	Middlebury,	Pres. M. Coll.
Cephas H. Kent,	Oct. 22, 1828,	Jan. 22, 1862,	Ripton,	P.
Stephen Knowlton,	Nov. 2, 1865,	Oct. 22, 1873,	New Haven,	P.
Benjamin Labaree, Jr.,	June 12, 1860,	April 26, 1860,	Oroomiah, Persia,	Miss. Pres. Bd.
Stillman Morgan,	1827,	....	Middlebury,	W. C.
Milton L. Severance,	Feb. 17, 1864,	Jan. 26, 1869,	Orwell,	P.
Eben Smith,	1845,	Jan. 26, 1870,	Middlebury,	W. C.
Warren W. Winchester.	Mar. 23, 1854,	Jan. 27, 1867,	Bridport,	P.
Solon Albee,	Licentiate,	Oct. 26, 1859,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Coll.
Ezra Brainard,	"	Jan. 26, 1870,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Coll.
D. McGregor Means,	"	April 24, 1877,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Coll.

BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION.

1812. JAMES ANDERSON. Register. 2d Tuesday May, Last Tuesday September.

James Anderson,	Aug. 12, 1829,	Feb. 2, 1830,	Manchester,	W. C.
William S. Blaisdell.	1868,	Sept. 30, 1873,	Randolph,	A. P.
Josiah B. Clark,	Dec. 1838.	Sept. 28, 1858,	Ludlow,	W. C.
Isaac Jennings,	June 14, 1843,	May 29, 1854,	Bennington Cen.,	P.
A. Bordman Lambert, D.D.	Nov. 2, 1837,	May 25, 1875,	Rupert,	A. P.
J. Clinton McCollom,	Mar. 23, 1869,	May 25, 1875,	East Arlington,	A. P.
Lewis C. Partridge,	May 6, 1869,	May 31, 1876,	N. Bennington,	A. P.
Parsons S. Pratt.	Sept. 29, 1847,	May 26, 1857,	Dorset,	P.
Edward Griffin Read,	Oct. 11, 1865,	May 31, 1876,	Bennington,	P.
Charles Redfield,	June 9, 1859,	May 31, 1870,	East Arlington,	A. P.
Albert C. Reed,	..une 24, 1863,	May 13, 1879,	Manchester,	P.
Joseph D. Wickham, D. D.,	July 31, 1823,	Oct. 27, 1840,	Manchester,	W. C
Henry H. Shaw,	Licentiate,	May 8, 1877,	Saxton's River,	W. C.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

N. R. NICHOLS, Scribe. 2d Tuesday January, March, May and September.

lembers.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
S. Adams,	Nov. 22, 1871,	1877,	Cabot,	P.
. Barnard,	Jan. 15, 1830,	1851,	Lansing, Mich.,	
. Bennett,	Dec. 8, 1870,	1876,	Lyndonville,	A. P.
Cobleigh,	Aug. 16, 1871,	Jan. 14, 1878,	McIudoes' Falls,	A. P.
. Cross,	Oct. 18, 1876,	Nov. 14, 1876,	Anoka, Minn.,	A. P.
Cummings,	Mar. 17, 1858,	1861,	Portland, Maine,	
. Fairbanks,	Jan. 1, 1868,	1868,	St. Johnsbury,	P.
irbanks,	Feb. 17, 1868,	1869,	St. Johnsbury,	S. VT Y. M. C. A.
Fuller,	1870,	1871,	St. Johnsbury,	Prin. St. J. A.
. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858,	Nov. 12, 1878.	St. Johnsbury,	A. P.
. Gordon,	May 17, 1876,	Nov. 12. 1878,	East Hardwick,	P.
nmond,	1871,	Nov. 12, 1878,	St. Johnsbury C.,	A. P.
umphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847,	1868,	Claremont, N. H.,	W. C.
Jones,	May 24, 1866,	1876,	St. Johnsbury,	P.
Litch,	April 7, 1867,	1874,	Derby Line,	P.
Morse,	Aug. 13, 1856,	May 13, 1879,	Lower Waterford.	A. P.
Nichols,	Feb. 1, 1872,	1874.	Barnet,	P.
Norcross,	Oct. 11, 1859,	1869,	N. Conway, N. H.,	A. P.
ten.	June 7, 1860,	Sept. 10. 1878,	Greensboro,	P.
. Thayer,	Mar. 21, 1839,	1847.	St. Johnsbury,	Librarian,
. Thompson,	July 1, 1869,	1869.	Danville,	P.
Wells,	Nov 19, 1845,	1867.	Claremont. N. H..	W. C.
Wild,	Oct. 26, 1864,	1874.	Peacham,	P.

LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION.

e 1, 1858. J. G. HALE, Register. 1st Tuesday Feb., 2d Tuesday May and Sept.

rtlett,	Aug. 8, 1861,	1861,	Cesarea, Turkey,	Mis. A. B. C. F. M.
Bates,	Sept. 19, 1860,	1878,	Wolcott,	A. P.
Ford,	1857,	1858,	San Bern'dino, Ca.	A. P.
French,	Nov. 8, 1871,	1872,	Ludlow,	A. P.
ale,	Sept. 30. 1852,	1878,	Stowe,	A. P.
Hardy,	Oct. 20, 1874,	1874,	Bluehill, Maine,	A. P.
. Hardy,	Jan. 31, 1872,	1871,	West Randolph.	A. P.
errick,	1844,	1860,	Woodbury,	A. P.
ontgomery,	Aug. 19, 1863,	1864,	Marash, Turkey,	Mis. A. B. C. F. M.
F. Perkins,	Nov. 22, 1865,	1870,	Sterling, Mass.,	A. P.
eelock,	Jan. 23, 1856,	1858,	Cambridge,	A. P.

MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION.

9, 1827. WM. S. HAZEN, Scribe. Last Tuesday January, April, July and Oct.

arpenter,	Jan. 21, 1879,	1879,	Worcester,	P.
emeritt,	May 31, 1870,	1878,	Williamstown,	A. P.
errin,	Dec. 16, 1851,	1878,	Plainfield,	P.
Harrington,	Oct. 25, 1876,	1876,	East Dorset,	A. P.
. Hazen,	Oct. 12, 1864,	1865,	Northfield,	P.
incks,	Sept. 27, 1877,	1878,	Montpelier,	P.
d.	Feb. 15, 1865,	1865,	Roxbury,	P.
tkin,	Sept. 11, 1866,	1878,	Marshfield,	P.
att,	Mar. 28, 1849,	1870,	Northfield,	W. C.
. Robinson,	Sept. 7, 1877,	1878,	Waitsfield,	P.
hofield,	Feb. 24, 1874,	1874,	West Fairlee,	A. P.
Smith,	Nov. 13, 1855,	1865,	Montpelier,	Sec. VT. D. M. S.
one,	Jan. 21, 1829,	1838,	Montpelier,	W. C.
enney,	Mar. 19, 1845,	1868,	Barre,	A. P.
Vinch,	June 29, 1853,	1854,	Corinth,	A. P.

NORTH WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

SWIFT, Register. 2d Tuesday January, 2d Tuesday May, 4th Tuesday September.

Babbitt,	Sept. 10, 1868,	1878,	Swanton,	A. P.
Cady,	1838,	May 27, 1845,	Georgia,	
French,	March, 1834,	Jan. 20, 1846.	Franklin,	W. C.
r,	April 23, 1876,	.....	Bakersfield,	A. P.
latch,	1866,	Jan. 15, 1867,	East Berkshire,	P.
leks,	1867,	Jan. 21, 1873,	Alburgh,	A. P.
tone,	Oct. 16, 1839,	Jan. 21, 1873,	Dalton, N. H.	A. P.
Swift,	1855,	Jan. 20, 1863,	Enosburgh,	A. P.
n Norden,	1866,	Jan. 20, 1874,	St. Albans,	P.
Watson,	1857,	May 8, 1877,	Sheldon,	A. P.
oodward,	Jan. 31, 1838,	1836,	Milton,	A. P.
idder,	Licentiate.			

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

L. H. ELLIOT, Register. 1st Tuesday May, September and February.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment*
S. Lysander Bates,	Mar. 23, 1864,	May 14, 1872,	Newbury,	P.
Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851,	May 2, 1876,	Strafford,	P.
Lester H. Elliot,	May 2, 1866,	Feb. 3, 1873,	Bradford,	A. P.
Joseph Fuller,	Sept. 30, 1840,	Aug. 14, 1855,	Vershire,	W. C.
Amzi B. Lyon,	Feb., 1858,	May 2, 1876,	West Newbury,	A. P.
Eugene J. Ranslow,	June 23, 1869,	May 8, 1877,	Wells River,	A. P.
Josiah G. Willis,	Oct. 10, 1876,	Sept. 25, 1877,		
George N. Abbott,	Licentiate,	Feb. 5, 1878,	South Newbury,	

ORLEANS ASSOCIATION.

J. BOARDMAN, Clerk. 3d Tuesday January, May and August.

Joseph Boardman,	Mar. 20, 1861,	Jan. 15, 1878,	North Craftsbury,	A. P.
S. W. Chapin,	Mar. 12, 1878,	....	Albany,	A. P.
Alexander C. Child,	May 18, 1853,	....	Orfordville, N. H.,	W. C.
Ezra P. Chittenden,	Aug. 29, 1877,	Jan. 15, 1878,	Brownington,	A. P.
Jacob S. Clark,	Jan. 11, 1827,	....	Morgan,	P. ret.
John A. Farrar,	Oct. 21, 1862,	....		
William T. Herrick,	May 28, 1851,	May 20, 1873,	West Charleston,	A. P.
Jabez T. Howard,	Jan. 19, 1841,	.....	West Charleston,	W. C.
John A. Kaley,	Mar. 10, 1876,	May 17, 1876,	Irasburgh,	A. P.
Frederick B. Phelps,	Oct. 18, 1870,	.....	St. Johnsbury E.,	P.
Lawrence Phelps,	Sept. 5, 1878,	1879,	Barton,	P.
T. E. Ranney,	May 1, 1844,	May 18, 1875,	St. Johnsbury C.,	W. C.
George Stone,	.....	.....	North Troy,	W. C.
W. C. Somerville,	October, 1851,	May 19, 1874,	Coventry,	A. P.
Chauncey B. Thomas.	Jan. 28, 1862,	Jan. 15, 1878,	Glover,	P.
Edward P. Wild,	Oct. 11, 1865,	....	Newport,	P.

ROYALTON ASSOCIATION.

G. W. OSGOOD, Register pro tem. 1st Tuesday February, 3d Tuesday May and Sept.

William A. Bushee,	Aug. 19, 1869,	1869,	Brookfield,	P.
E. B. Chamberlain,	Mar. 12, 1856,	Feb. 8, 1876,	Sharon,	A. P.
Charles W. Dealtry,	May 11, 1874,	Feb. 5, 1878,	East Braintree,	W. C.
Samuel W. Dike,	Feb. 3, 1869,	.....	Royalton,	A. P.
Edward E. Herrick,	Feb. 24, 1864,	....	Chelsea,	P.
Thomas S. Hubbard,	June, 1839,	.....	Rochester,	A. P.
George W. Osgood,	Jan. 17, 1878,	Feb. 5, 1878,	Tunbridge,	P.
Sidney K. B. Perkins,	Jan. 11, 1860,	Sept. 18, 1877,	South Royalton,	A. P.
George B. Tolman,	July 10, 1862,	Sept. 17, 1878,	Brookfield,	A. P.
C. H. Covill,	Licentiate,	Nov. 12, 1878,	East Braintree,	S.

RUTLAND ASSOCIATION.

L. D. MEARS, Register. 2d Tuesday February, May August and November.

Calvin Granger,	Aug. 6, 1834,	Feb. 28, 1861,	East Poultney,	A. P.
Russell T. Hall,	Sept. 8, 1870,	Sept. 13, 1870,	Pittsford,	P.
Edward T. Hooker,	June 17, 1868,	May 10, 1876,	Castleton,	P.
John C. Houghton,	Jan. 15, 1868,	Sept. 10, 1878,	Cornwall,	A. P.
James G. Johnson,	Dec. 27, 1866,	Sept. 13, 1870,	Rutland,	P.
Abel Manning,	Nov. 9, 1820,	May 28, 1822,	Goffstown, N. H.,	W. C.
Ulric Maynard,	Aug. 6, 1828,	Oct. 10, 1843,	Castleton,	W. C.
Lucian D. Mears,	Nov. 8, 1871,	May 8, 1877,	Danby,	A. P.
George H. Morss,	May 11, 1864,	Aug. 7, 1877,	Clarendon,	P.
Osborn Myrick,	Feb. 18, 1846,	May 14, 1872,	Middletown,	A. P.
Henry F. Rustedt,	Feb. 3, 1841,	Oct. 13, 1857,	Shrewsbury,	W. C.
Amasa Stewart,	Sept. 15, 1829,	July 18, 1837,	Pittsford,	W. C.
John H. Thyng,	Oct. 26, 1852,	Sept. 12, 1877,	Northboro, Mass.,	A. P.
Lucius L. Tilden,	Mar. 17, 1840,	May 25, 1830,	Nashua, N. H.,	W. C.
Sedgwick P. Wilder,	May 28, 1875,	Feb. 13, 1877,	Brandon,	P.
John K. Williams,	Nov. 22, 1866,	May 11, 1875,	West Rutland,	A. P.
Lyman B. Hall,	Licentiate,	Aug. 8, 1877,	Oberlin, Ohio,	Tutor.

WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ERSOLL BRIANT, Scribe. 2d Tuesday January, April, July and October.

...rs.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
...ant,	April 22, 1868,	May 11, 1875,	Hartford,	A. P.
...r,	Jan. 13, 1843,	Oct. 14, 1845,	Windsor,	Editor.
...	Dec. 14, 1876,	May 8, 1877,	East Windsor, Ct.,	A. P.
...ent, D. D.,	Oct. 13, 1830,	Aug. 10, 1852,	Norwich,	W. C.
...on,	June 10, 1871,	May 9, 1865,	North Thetford,	A. P.
...	Feb. 3, 1841,	Nov. 12, 1867,	Granby,	A. P.
... D.,	July 1, 1846,	Oct. 9, 1877,	Norwich,	A. P.
...s,	Sept. 10, 1874,	July 13, 1875,	Woodstock,	P.

WINDHAM ASSOCIATION.

1775. D. N. GOODRICH, Scribe. 1st Tues. August, Nov., Feb., 3d Tues. May.

...	Feb. 19, 1878,	May, 1878,	Jamaica,	A. P.
...win,	Sept. 1832,	May, 1873,	W. Cummington, Ms.	W. C.
...rd,	Jan. 14, 1847,	May, 1874,	Westminster,	A. P.
...m,	Nov. 1841,	Nov., 1871,	Fayetteville,	A. P.
...er,	Dec. 17, 1867,	Nov., 1874,	Quechee,	A. P.
...dler,	Sept. 12, 1860,	May 5, 1868,	Brattleboro,	Editor.
...	Aug. 24, 1870,	Nov. 2, 1870,	Guildhall,	A. P.
...ld,	June 28, 1866,	1874,	West Dover,	A. P.
...	March 2, 1825,	June, 1838,	Putney,	W. C.
...lrich,	June 19, 1865,	May 1876,	Windham,	P.
...	Oct. 8, 1846,	Feb., 1858,	West Brattleboro,	Agent A. M. A.
...t,	May 9, 1866,	May, 1877,	Saxton's River,	A. P.
...	Sept. 2, 1869,	Feb., 1878,		
...rill,	Nov. 8, 1870,	May, 1873,	West Brattleboro,	P.
... D. D.,	1861,	Aug. 6, 1878,	Townshend,	A. P.
...	Dec. 27, 1854,	....		
... D. D.,	Feb. 22, 1843,	May, 1843,	Westminster W.,	P.
...ter, D. D.,	Oct. 13, 1858,	May, 1877,	Hartford, Conn.,	P.
...	Mar. 11, 1868,	May 5, 1868,	Grafton,	P.
...calf,	Licentiate,	1879,	South Wardsboro,	S.

WINDSOR ASSOCIATION.

R. D. MILLER, Scribe.

...	.....	Feb., 1876,	Chester,	W. C.
...	1870,	May, 1870,	Keene, N. H.,	W. C.
...	July, 1856,	May, 1876,	Hartland,	A. P.
...	1845,	Feb., 1874,	Danvers, Mass.,	W. C.
...l,	1859,	Nov., 1872,	Cawker City, Kan.	A. P.

WINOOSKI ASSOCIATION.

...1847. A. HAZEN, Register. 3d Monday January, May and October.

...	Aug. 30, 1854,	1879,	Winooski,	A. P.
...rber,	.....	May, 1852,	Montpelier,	Ed. Vt. Chron.
...ton,	Oct. 29, 1862,	May, 1877,	Colchester,	A. P.
...	Aug. 26, 1840,	May, 1878,	Underhill,	W. C.
...ow,	January, 1861,	May, 1877,	Burlington,	P.
...n,	April 4, 1820,	Jan., 1848,	Burlington,	W. C.
...gton,	Mar. 11, 1868,	May, 1870,	Westford,	A. P.
...rse,	Aug. 9, 1832,	June 9, 1847,	Burlington,	Ag't Col. Soc.
...	May 25, 1875,	May, 1877,	Essex,	A. P.
...on,	Oct. 1, 1858,	1879,	Underhill,	A. P.
...e,	May 2, 1848,	1875,	Burlington,	W. C.
...ich,	May 17, 1864,	Jan., 1869,	Burlington,	Prof. Univ. Vt.
...	Mar. 29, 1860,	May, 1865,	Jericho Centre,	A. P.
...hton,	Dec. 22, 1840,	1872,	Montpelier,	W. C.
...	Nov. 6, 1856,	May, 1857,	Burlington,	W. C.
...lmsted,	July 11, 1848,	1879,	Williston,	A. P.
...ord, D. D.,	Sept. 2, 1858,	June, 1863,	Burlington,	P.
...ton,	Sept. 28, 1837,	May, 1853,	Essex Junction,	W. C.
...rey,	Sept. 7, 1855,	Sept., 1871,	Charlotte,	P.
...rrey,	May 3, 1865,	May, 1869,	Burlington,	Prof. Univ. Vt.
...eler,	Nov. 5, 1840,	June, 1847,	South Hero,	P.
...	.....	Jan., 1850,	Charlotte,	W. C.
...lard,	April. 1857,	May, 1869,	Burlington,	W. C.
...ster, D.D.,	....	Oct., 1847,	Burlington,	W. C.
...an, D. D.,	Licentiate,	Oct., 1857,	Burlington.	Pres. Univ. Vt.

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3	Arlington East	Julius C. McCollom,	Jan. 1, 1879	12	200	12	8	0	1	2	3	0	39	7	6	100	50	18 00	30 00
4	Braintree Hill	Charles W. Dealtry,	Nov. 1, 1877	12	200	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	20	7	15	40	50	.....	.....
5	E. Braintree & W. Brookfi'd.	Charles H. Covell,	June 1, 1878	12	100	12	1	0	1	2	1	0	52	16	10	115	145	6 50	22 00
6	Cambridgeport	Amos Holbrook,	Nov. 1, 1878	12	100	12	1	4	0	2	3	0	25	8	5	70	95	6 00	.....
7	Charleston West	Wm. T. Herrick,	June 1, 1878	12	125	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	74	32	9	100	120	31 25	126 00
8	Colchester	Alanson S. Barton,	Jan. 1, 1879	12	150	12	0	0	0	0	3	0	40	6	12	62	90	35 00	16 62
9	Danby	Lucian D. Mears,	April 1, 1879	12	200	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	4	11	43	65	8 46	16 22
10	Gaysville	James Hay,	May 1, 1879	12	175	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	14	10	75	68	0	0
11	Essex Junction	John Cowan,	Jan. 1, 1878	12	100	5	0	3	4	0	1	0	43	14	13	100	95	9 00	21 00
12	Granby and Victory	Charles Duren,	April 1, 1879	12	175	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	27	11	9	45	64	21 07	48 03
13	Greensboro	Moses Patten,	Jan. 1, 1879	12	125	12	0	9	2	1	0	0	59	20	14	103	138	27 50	87 42
14	Guildhall	Josiah G. Willis,	Sept. 1, 1877	12	150	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	11	18	70	50	5 00	2 00
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16	Holland	John Fraser,	July 1, 1878	6	75	6	0	2	0	0	1	0	34	11	4	80	35	.....	10 00
17	Hubbardton	John H. Thyng,	June 1, 1878	12	100	9	..	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	. .	...	4 51	.....
18	Island Pond	Chas. C. Torrey,	June 1, 1878	12	200	11	0	1	2	0	0	0	13	4	1	70	30	12 55	10 00
19	Jamaica	Orrin G. Baker,	Jan. 1, 1879	12	200	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	58	20	3	80	100	12 00	26 10

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

As Revised and Adopted June 18, 1873.

NAME.

ART. I. This Society shall be known by the name of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. II. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying two dollars into its treasury, and his membership shall continue so long as he shall annually pay a like sum. Any person may, at his request, become a member for life of the Society, who shall at one time pay twenty dollars or more, into its treasury. Congregational ministers whose churches contribute annually to the treasury of this Society, shall be members, and their membership shall continue so long as such annual contributions are made. All such members shall be entitled to vote.

OBJECT.

ART. III. The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns in the State with the preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

OFFICERS.

ART. IV. The officers of this Society, to be elected annually, shall be a President, Vice-President, twelve Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. The President and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Directors *ex-officiis*. These officers shall all hold their offices for a year and till others are elected.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, to act upon applications coming from churches, asking for aid; make appropriations of money; fill temporarily any vacancy occasioned by the death or resignation of the Secretary, Treasurer, or Auditor; have a general superintendence of all the Society's affairs, and make, through the Secretary, a report of their doings at each annual meeting.

At their annual meeting the Directors shall appoint *five* of their own number—one of whom shall be the Secretary—as an Executive Committee, which committee shall have full power to act for the Directors on all matters that may come before them, when the Directors are not in session.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

ART. VII. The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society and of the Directors; keep a true record of their doings and call meetings of the Society, Directors, and Executive Committee.

He shall secure, as far as possible, collections and donations from churches and individuals; visit destitute communities to ascertain their needs; direct itinerant missionaries to their fields; draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Directors or Executive Committee, and make an annual report to the Society of the doings of the Directors, and the condition of the missionary work.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society; take care of and invest the permanent funds; lease, or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Directors or Executive Committee; and exhibit at the annual meeting an audited account of the condition of the treasury, make a statement of the amount of permanent funds, and how they are invested. He shall hold his books open for inspection when requested by any member of the Society, and shall give bonds when required by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF AUDITOR.

ART. IX. The Auditor shall carefully audit the Treasurer's book every year, before the annual meeting of the Society, and report also on the amount of the permanent funds, and the form of their investment.

MEETINGS.

Meetings of Society.

ART. X. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, for the election of officers and the transaction of any necessary business, on the Wednesday succeeding the second Tuesday in June, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the same place where the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont holds its annual meeting. Two several notices shall be given by the Secretary, of the time and place of holding this meeting, in some newspaper generally circulated in this State.

Meetings of Directors.

The Directors shall hold an annual meeting on the same day of the annual meeting of the Society, at such time as the Secretary shall give notice to the Directors, personally or by public notice, at the annual meeting of the Society. They may adjourn or meet at such other time as they see fit, or as they may be called together by the Secretary, notice being given them in writing, one week before the time of meeting.

Meetings of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as they may appoint, and whenever the Secretary may call them together; and they shall have power to call meetings of the Society or Directors, in case of the death, resignation, or absence of the Secretary.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

ART. XI. The object of this Society shall not be changed, but this Constitution may be altered or amended, on a proposal of the Directors, at any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS, JUNE 17, 1873.

RULE 1. Churches asking for aid, must first subscribe one hundred and twenty-five per cent. on their grand list, unless in very exceptional cases.

RULE 2. No church in debt for past ministerial services shall receive aid.

RULE 3. Appropriations shall not be made for a longer period than twelve months, and shall not, except in special cases, date back of the time of application.

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4	Braintree Hill	Charles W. Dealtry,	Nov. 1, 1877	12	200	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	20	7	15	40	50	.....	.....
5	E. Braintree & W. Brookfi'd.	Charles H. Covell,	June 1, 1878	12	100	12	1	0	1	2	1	0	52	16	10	115	145	6 50	22 00
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20	Kirby	Matthew A. Gates,	Sept.	1,	1877	12	$125	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	14	2	40	35	$3	00	$1	63
		Herbert R. Howes,	Sept.	1,	1878	12	150	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	25	14	2	30	30	10	00	8	67
21	Londonderry	J. R. Flint,	June	1,	1878	12	200	12	0	0	0	4	0	1	19	7	13	51	40	.....		3	50
22	Ludlow	George H. French,	Mar.	1,	1879	12	125	12	7	8	3	1	1	0	58	20	42	91	92	12	91	48	96
23	Lyndonville	William P. Bennett,	Mar.	1,	1879	12	175	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	61	19	34	100	160	10	00	.....	
24	Marshfield	Paul H. Pitkin,	Feb.	1,	1879	12	200	12	3	1	0	1	1	0	41	14	11	60	60	20	00	25	00
25	Middletown	Osborn Myrick,	Nov.	1,	1878	12	125	12	4	5	3	1	3	0	87	31	69	100	133	13	50	150	00
26	Montgomery Centre	Elias W. Hatch,	April	1,	1879	12	100	12	1	1	0	0	1	0	29	11	9	46	60	5	50	17	15
27	Morgan	William T. Herrick,	June	1,	1878	12	50	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	21	5	1	85	75	12	50	6	00
28	Newbury West	Amzi B. Lyon,	June	1,	1878	12	175	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	42	18	7	75	80	29	36	21	75
29	Orange	James L. Harrington,	Aug.	1,	1878	12	275	12	1	1	2	0	2	0	42	18	11	60	163	1	50	12	32
30	Plainfield	Clark E. Ferrin,	Oct.	1,	1878	12	175	12	1	0	0	0	2	0	28	13	5	73	70	9	15	28	50
31	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent,	June	1,	1878	12	100	12	2	2	0	0	1	0	43	19	18	43	65	41	00	89	00
32	Rochester	S. S. Grinnell,	Nov.	1,	1878	12	100	7	15	3	4	5	4	2	87	22	21	119	80	13	00	23	00
33	Roxbury	Alden Ladd,	Oct.	1,	1878	12	300	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	49	17	11	75	55	18	00	12	00
34	Royalton South	Sidney K. B. Perkins,	Sept.	1,	1878	12	175	12	1	2	1	3	1	0	53	17	6	100	115	15	00	7	25
35	Saxton's River	Amos Holbrook,	Nov.	1,	1878	12	25	12	2	0	0	2	1	0	85	26	12	114	104	26	30	45	00
36	St. Johnsbury Centre	Joseph Hammond,	July	1,	1878	12	200	11	0	0	1	0	1	0	45	20	45	90	65	7	00	20	00
37	Strafford	Henry Cummings,	Sept.	1,	1878	12	100	12	0	0	0	0	3	0	50	17	7	65	85	53	05	98	75
38	Sudbury	Edward F. Abbott,	May	1,	1879	12	200	12	1	1	1	1	2	0	13	3	9	59	64	11	90	0	
39	Townshend West	Christopher J. Switzer,	May	1,	1879	12	150	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	15	3	80	70	9	05	4	63
40	Troy	Royal D. Metcalf,	May	1,	1878	12	200	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	2	1	68	50	6	25	0	
41	Tunbridge	George W. Osgood,	Jan.	1,	1879	12	200	12	0	0	1	5	0	0	39	14	4	52	65	6	37	20	11
42	Waterville	Joseph Garland,	May	1,	1878	12	100	11	5	1	0	1	1	0	28	9	0	110	120	8	68	31	20
43	West Fairlee	Solon Martin,	May	1,	1878	12	200	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	8	00	.....	
		William Schofield,	Mar.	1,	1879	12	180	3	1	1	0	0	5	0	53	25	10	70	61	10	00	15	00
44	West Haven	John C. Houghton,	June	1,	1878	12	75	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	10	50	.....	
45	Williston	Frederick W. Olmsted,	July	1,	1878	12	75	12	0	0	0	3	3	0	43	16	20	65	50	16	00	40	00
46	Wolcott	James A. Bates,	May	1,	1878	12	250	11	0	0	0	1	3	0	46	17	9	85	100	19	00	36	00
47	Winooski	Charles W. Thompson,	Jan.	1,	1878	12	100	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	43	10	18	112	60	5	50	.....	
		Ariel A. Baker,	Jan.	1,	1879	12	100	5	1	1	5	0	0	0	40	9	23	80	60	..	...	.....	
48	Woodbury	Horace Herrick,	June	1,	1878	12	150	12	4	2	1	1	1	2	51	19	0	70	50	5	50	6	50
49	Worcester	Philo H. Carpenter,	June	1,	1878	12	200	12	0	1	1	0	2	0	26	6	23	70	70	8	20	10	32

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBANY. The year has been one of outward prosperity. Services have been regularly held, during the last six months, at Albany Center, and at an out-district.

2. ALBURGH SPRINGS. Meetings have been well sustained, with good attendance. Four have been gathered from the Sabbath school into the church. The debt on the parsonage remains the same as last year. The missionary taught a select school during the Spring.

3. ARLINGTON EAST. There has been some revival of business, and there is a little more hopeful feeling financially in the society. The debt on the parsonage has been reduced to $450. Several hopeful conversions have occurred in the western part of the town where the missionary has held meetings.

4. BRAINTREE HILL. The missionary left at the end of his third quarter, in August, since which time the church has been without regular preaching. They are now making arrangements to secure the services of Rev. Augustus Alvord.

5. BRAINTREE EAST AND BROOKFIELD WEST. Services are maintained, on alternate Sabbaths, at both these places. In the former place some improvements have been made in the house of worship. The missionary reports that within the year he has preached "ninety-five sermons; attended eighty-two prayer meetings and eight funerals; delivered eight lectures; made three hundred and twenty-seven parish calls, and prayed with forty-five families."

6. CAMBRIDGEPORT. A general improvement is reported; meetings well attended, and the moral tone of the community elevated.

7. CHARLESTON WEST. The church has been somewhat quickened. About $250 has been expended on the parsonage.

8. COLCHESTER. Deaths and removals continue to reduce the membership and financial ability of this church. A few are expected to make good the places of those gone.

9. DANBY. Patient labor meets its reward in a gradual improvement of the community in morals and religion. A movement in favor of Temperance has been a special feature of the past year.

10. GAYSVILLE. This church has been without regular preaching, by an ordained minister, a considerable part of the year. They have, however, not forsaken the assembling of themselves together, and have at length secured an acting pastor.

11. Essex Junction. Nothing but a statistical report was received from this field.

12. Granby and Victory. Granby and North Victory form a retired community by themselves, and cannot easily unite with any other in sustaining a minister. At times the Methodists have had preaching here, but not of late; hence it seems important for us to continue the ministry of the Word. One young man connected with the church is preparing for the ministry.

13. Greensboro. Besides meetings in the village, preaching was maintained at the "Bend" during July, August and September, while there was but one preaching service at the church. Sabbath evening meetings were kept up through the year in a distant neighborhood.

14. Guildhall. After Mr. Willis's year closed, the church were without preaching for several weeks. Mr. Chase has entered earnestly on his work. Prayer meetings have been opened in out-districts. The congregations have increased, and there is the promise of better things.

15. Hartland. The missionary, who has labored here faithfully the past four years, has closed his service. The church is now without a minister. Some who are able do not seem to appreciate their privilege and duty to sustain the institutions of the gospel according to their ability.

16. Holland. A lack of harmony renders a weak church weaker, and diminishes its power for good. They are supplied this summer by a theological student.

17. Hubbardton. The missionary left at the end of his third quarter. The church have not secured another.

18. Island Pond. This church suffered seriously—almost lost its existence—by engaging a minister of another denomination for some three years. During that time another church was organized by the minister, and several of the members of the Congregational church were drawn off to the new church. As a consequence, there are now two churches where there was only one, and where there is need of but one. Moral: Let every church employ for its minister a man of like faith with itself.

19. Jamaica. Out-district meetings have been held; attendance and attention good. The parsonage has been repaired. The society

has shown an unpardonable slackness in the management of its financial affairs. It is a great help in keeping a good minister and encouraging to him in his work, to pay him his salary promptly as it becomes due.

20. KIRBY. This church unites with East Burke in sustaining the same minister. Rev. M. A. Gates closed his labors with them last July. Rev. H. R. Hawes commenced work in September. This church is in a purely farming region, with no village near it. It reaches but a limited community, but has some most worthy families connected with it. It has one preaching service every Sabbath.

21. LONDONDERRY. This church is small and much lacking in a determined purpose to maintain the public worship of God. It is the only religious organization in that part of the town. The missionary who has supplied this church and Weston through the year is engaged to preach next year all of the time at Weston. It is very sad that a community that needs the permanent preaching of the gospel so much as this does is not more in earnest to secure and maintain it.

22. LUDLOW. The year has been one of general prosperity. The services connected with and following the week of prayer were attended with marked religious interest and some conversions. The sabbath school has been unusually large.

23. LYNDONVILLE. This church has been self-sustaining to the present year. It has to contend with the difficulties common to new railroad villages, where the population is not homogeneous. It is struggling to pay off a heavy church-building debt. The Methodists have lately organized a church in the village which takes some from the number of those heretofore attending the Congregational church and Sabbath school.

24. MARSHFIELD. The pastor last fall taught a select school which gave him an excellent opportunity of forming the acquaintance of the young ladies and gentlemen, and of directing their education. An evening "Class of Social Culture" was also started, and has been kept up to promote the intellectual, social and moral culture of the young. The church has had to make a great effort to raise enough to retain their pastor, whose labors are much prized.

25. MIDDLETOWN. Repairs on the church have been completed. A few interesting cases of conversion have occurred. An out-district prayer meeting has yielded good fruits.

26. MONTGOMERY CENTRE. The missionary lives, and preaches also, at East Berkshire. This church at Montgomery is one of three that strive to live in a small village. That the number should be reduced is evident. But which one should give up its organization and go in with the others is not easy to decide.

27. MORGAN. The missionary supplies the church at West Charleston, where he lives. He preaches here every other Sabbath. The Methodists hold meetings in the same house on alternate Sabbaths. Nothing of special interest reported.

28. NEWBURY WEST. The missionary is encouraged by good attendance, and devout attention to the word preached.

29. ORANGE. This young church has held on its way with a good degree of steadfastness. They have sustained well the meetings for public worship, the Sabbath-school, and prayer meetings. They are about to part with their minister, who has had a call to another field.

30. PLAINFIELD. The missionary writes respecting his field: "The population of two thousand or so, in which we work, is in three towns, our village being near the corners where they touch. The prevailing sentiment is Universalist, or has been, and now largely unbelieving and sceptical. Of four meeting houses — one Universalist and three in which they have a controlling interest, within four miles of us, in one of the richest farming regions of Vermont — *no regular Sabbath worship* is held in *either*, hardly *any at all!*" The church and society has suffered severely from deaths the past year.

31. RIPTON. The missionary who, for sixteen years, has faithfully ministered to this little flock gathered from the hill tops, has seriously thought of resigning his pastorate and withdrawing from further service. But those who have long received the truth from his lips and appreciate the worth of his presence and labors are very loth to give up their aged pastor, and are likely to persuade him to abide with them yet a little longer.

32. ROCHESTER. This church has been self-sustaining for some years till the present, and it is hoped they will need aid now only temporarily. The church has been recarpeted. Union meetings with the Methodists in the winter resulted in awakening considerable interest, and in some conversions.

33. ROXBURY. The missionary reports that "the congregations are fully kept up from Sabbath to Sabbath, and the Sabbath school is larger than formerly."

34. ROYALTON SOUTH. The report of the missionary says, "The church are working in harmony, and all the institutions of the church are well sustained. A Juvenile Mission Circle has been organized, and increased interest in the temperance cause has been manifested. We prize much, as a help, the regular meetings of the Royalton Young Men's Christian Association."

35. SAXTON'S RIVER. The missionary supplies Cambridgeport in connection with this field. It is expected that this church will raise its proportion another year without aid.

36. ST. JOHNSBURY CENTRE. Meetings have been confined to the village, as in the judgment of the missionary, there seemed to be no sufficiently hopeful field in the vicinity in which to start a preaching service. "The Weekly Prayer meeting, the Ladies' Prayer Meeting, a Young People's Prayer Meeting, and a Literary Society, for the mutual improvement of young people, have been well sustained."

37. STRAFFORD. "This church though small is united and hopeful. The attendance upon Sabbath worship has been nearly the same as in previous years. A larger number of children have been in the sabbath school than usual. Fifty dollars have been expended in repairs on the church edifice. One young man is preparing for the ministry. The pastor proposed to the church in the early part of the year to accept for a salary one hundred dollars less than he had received, and the church decided to ask one hundred dollars less from the missionary society."

38. SUDBURY. This is one of the feeblest churches in the State that sustains preaching through the year, but it is the only church in the town. Some improvements have been made. The church has been repainted on the inside, trees have been set out, and a fence built about the grounds. Most valuable aid has been received during the summer, in the Sabbath-school and otherwise, from boarders from Brooklyn, N. Y., spending the summer in town.

39. TOWNSHEND WEST. Nothing but a statistical report received from this field.

40. TROY. The missionary left at the close of his year, May 1st. The house of worship has been repaired at an expense of $165, and a

of trust given of it to this society. It is very desirable that this h and the one at Westfield unite in employing the same minis- This is their present purpose.

TUNBRIDGE. This church is the only one in the village. The egation is reported as less fluctuating than formerly.

WATERVILLE. The sanctuary has been repaired at an ex- of $110. There is a lack of harmony in this church which, to at extent, paralyzes its influence for good.

WEST FAIRLEE. After the death of Rev. Solon Martin the h were without preaching for several months, but finally secured rvices of Rev Wm. Schofield, who is now their acting pastor.

WEST HAVEN. This church is too feeble to have a pastor of wn. It engaged the services of Rev. J. C. Houghton, during tter part of his ministry in Benson, to preach to them sabbath noons. They have been unsupplied this spring.

WILLISTON. The missionary writes, "We can report no al interest during the year and no conversions, yet there has more than ordinary interest in the consideration of Bible truth. abbath school is more prosperous now than at any time before I have been here." A considerable proportion of the commu- are Universalists.

WOLCOTT. The missionary closed his labors the first of May. community have suffered seriously from fires and business fail- during the past few years, making it very difficult to raise gh to support a minister. They seem now quite discouraged are without meetings.

WINOOSKI. Rev. C. W. Thompson left the last of December the present missionary immediately succeeded him. "The debt been paid off and the church improved in harmony and general lness." The population is shifting, so that the prospects of the h change from year to year.

WOODBURY. The missionary who has occupied this field for ast two years gives up his work by reason of age and increasing ities. The people are in debt to him and somewhat discour- They need, immediately, an efficient and earnest pastor.

WORCESTER. This church has settled a pastor during the —is united and hopeful.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

No.	FIELDS AND MISSIONARIES.	BEGAN.	Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Travelling Expenses.	AMOUNT PAID. By the People.	By the Society.	Total.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath-school.	Hopeful Conversions.
1	BRIDGEWATER.								20	29	12
	W. F. Blackman	May 18, 1878	14	$8 00	$8 00	$136 00	.....	$136 00	..	..	..
	Jotham Sewall	Nov. 15, 1878	4	7 00	2 00	.....	$30 00	30 00	..	..	..
	S. W. Dike	Oct. 26, 1878	2	8 00	.....	.....	16 00	16 00	..	..	..
	A. D. Barber		1	8 00	.....	.....	8 00	8 00	..	..	..
	M. A. Gates	Dec. 7, 1878	14	7 00	.....	15 00	83 00	98 00	..	..	..
2	BRUNSWICK & MAIDSTONE.								40	..	..
	L. B. Tenney	May 22, 1879	1	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..
3	CALAIS EAST.								60	35	1
	John J. Munro	May 6, 1878	15	9 00	.....	67 67	100 00	167 67	..	..	..
	Pliny B. Fisk	May 22, 1879	1	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..
4	JEFFERSONVILLE.								65	60	..
	Calvin B. Moody	May 16, 1879	2	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..
5	HOLLAND.								50	35	..
	William Coburn	May 22, 1879	1	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..
6	SANDGATE.								60	30	..
	C. H. Coolidge	Mar. 15, 1879	6	.....	.....	.....	18 00	18 00	..	..	..
7	SIMONSVILLE.								55	40	3
	Arch. Haddan	May 26, 1868	15	8 00	7 00	.....	128 00	128 00	..	..	..
8	WARREN.								85	70	2
	L. B. Tenney	May 1, 1878	50	8 00	.....	300 00	100 00	400 00	..	..	..

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. BRIDGEWATER. For two years past there has been a most favorable change going on in the moral and religious condition of the community, which can be attributed to nothing less than the power of God's Spirit. The labors of Mr. E. P. Armstrong in the summer of 1877, and those of Mr. W. F. Blackman in the summer of 1878, were attended with marked evidences of the Spirit's presence. The gospel meetings and the labors of Rev. M. A. Gates, in the winter of 1879, were very helpful in carrying forward the good work. The church is now so enlarged that they hope to sustain, for the future, regular religious services through the year. For this purpose they need a new place of worship, partly because the house they now worship in is utterly unfit for that purpose, and partly because it is in part owned by Universalists and others, and they cannot be assured of the continued use of it. They are promptly moving forward to build them a sanctuary. May the Lord prosper them.

2. BRUNSWICK and MAIDSTONE. There is no church building or organization in either of these towns. Meetings are held in the hall of a hotel and in school-houses. The young man laboring here has but just commenced, and as it is a new field and our effort an experiment, we cannot speak of any results. We shall, by this summer's

work, at least, gain a better acquaintance with the field, its needs and its promise.

3. CALAIS EAST. It was anticipated a year ago that the young man then in this field would remain for a year, but after eighteen weeks service he returned to the Seminary, and they had no preaching through the winter. A student is now at work here, we hope for the summer, though it is possible that the Universalists will claim the use of the meeting house for a part of the time. We confidently hope, sooner or later, to see a new and more general interest in religion in this community. May the Lord hasten the day!

4. JEFFERSONVILLE. In accordance with an earnest request, from persons dwelling here, a student has been sent to preach for them during the summer. This village is in the town of Cambridge, and has a good house of worship, in which the Episcopalians hold service in the forenoon once a month. The Congregationalists have been accustomed, for some years, to have some religious service and a sabbath school here on the Sabbath. Several of the residents are members of the Cambridge church, and Rev. E. Wheelock has, at the request of the people, for several years, more or less of the time, held an afternoon preaching service here. Ill health prevented his doing so during the last winter and spring.

5. HOLLAND. Rev. J. Frazer preached here the fore part of the year. A student is at present supplying them.

6. SANDGATE. This church has not for some years had an ordained Congregational minister. Its numbers are few and scattered. It has a comfortable house of worship. The young man now laboring here is not a theological student nor as yet a licentiate. He has however done faithful service as a lay worker for several years.

7. SIMONSVILLE. This has proved a very difficult field. There are only two or three professed Christians in the community. The great body of the people are Universalists and Spiritists. They are indisposed to do anything more than to board the students who preach there, though a congregation of fifty or more come together from Sabbath to Sabbath.

8. WARREN. A year's service has been rendered here with favorable results, it is believed, to the general interests of religion. The community is made up of Free Baptists, Congregationalists and Methodists. They all joined heartily in sustaining our missionary, and it is expeeted that they will join the coming year in sustaining a Methodist.

SUMMARY.

FIELDS AND MISSIONARIES.

During the year just closed sixty-three missionaries have been under commission for the whole or a part of the year, fifty-one in the ordinary and twelve in the itinerant department. They have labored in fifty-nine different fields, performing forty-seven years of service, gathering for worship on each returning Sabbath an average of three thousand six hundred people, and reaching with Sabbath-school instruction, nearly four thousand souls. One has been added to the number of settled pastors, and that too in the case of one of our feeblest churches. Thirty-three missionaries have remained with their people through the entire year. The average amount paid by the aided churches on their grand list has been one hundred and thirty-nine per cent. The average grant made by this society to the churches for the year has been $167, and the average salary of the missionaries, $544.43. In nineteen cases the use of a parsonage is added to the salary and not reckoned in the above amount. The contributions made by these churches to the Home missionary cause have been $654.94, and to other objects of Christian benevolence $1,250.98, making a total of $1,905.92, given by them to promote the general interests of Christ's kingdom. The following churches not aided the year previous have asked for and received help during the last year, viz.: East Braintree and West Brookfield, Island Pond, Lyndonville, Rochester, West Haven and Winooski. Some others have applied whose requests now await the action of the directors. Since the prices of agricultural products began to decline and there has been a general shrinkage of incomes, each year has brought to us some churches that had been self-sustaining asking for help. So that the number of missionary churches is increasing.

SPIRITUAL RESULTS.

The outward and visible results of missionary labor, as indicated by the hopeful conversion of souls and their ingathering into the churches, have not been as abundant as in some past years. Though the Word may have been preached as faithfully as ever, and, like the forces of nature, may have been working silently, deeply within many hearts, producing and preparing the way for thorough spiritual changes, yet these have not been manifest in the particular form of

open renunciation of sin and entering into covenant with the Lord's people. The number of hopeful conversions reported have been one hundred and eleven. There have been received into membership one hundred and seventeen, of which seventy-nine were on confession of faith. The losses by deaths, dismissions and exclusions have been eighty-nine, leaving a net gain of twenty-eight. The self-denials practiced by their members, in order to sustain the preaching of the gospel in these churches, is believed to have been greater than has been usual among them, certainly for some years past. By reason of our lack of funds several have received a smaller appropriation than heretofore.

ITINERANT WORK.

In the Itinerant Department, the fields occupied and laborers employed have been few, but as usual some precious fruit has been gathered. Students are now at work in Brunswick and Maidstone, East Calais, Jeffersonville, Holland and Sandgate. In Essex county there is a tier of towns lying on the Connecticut river, from Guildhall to Canada line, a distance of over thirty miles, in which there is no house of worship or church organization, except a little union house at Canaan and a small Methodist class there. It is a region wholly without religious privileges. There are fine meadow farms all along the river, though the country is not settled back from the river to any great extent. We have felt for several years that something should be done for the religious culture of this region. This year we have made a beginning, and religious services are being held in the adjoining towns of Brunswick and Maidstone. We hope the results may be such as to warrant permanent labors in this destitute section of our state.

At the request of the people in Warren, where there are the remains of a Congregational church, a young man was sent last spring who labored with them for an entire year with favorable results to the general interests of Christ's kingdom in the place. Bridgewater has also been supplied most of the year. We have tilled this field, for more than twenty years, in the patience of hope, with itinerant laborers. At one time all that was good there seemed to be overborne and submerged by spiritism and other delusions, and the saw-mill in the village ran as regularly on Sunday as on the other days of the week. Though the place has always had a few praying souls, yet at times it seemed a vain contest with the powers of evil to continue our efforts in the place. But within a few years one young man from

this parish has been educated and entered the ministry and is now a settled and useful pastor in Connecticut. Two years ago, during the summer, in connection with the labors of a student, there were indications of an interest in religion unusual for the place, and some expressed a hope in Christ. Last summer the interest was greater than the year before. It was helped forward by some gospel meetings held late in the fall, and by the faithful labors of Rev. M. A. Gates through the winter. By the blessing of God on these efforts more than thirty have entered upon a life of faith and obedience to God. Twenty-four have connected themselves with the church and others are soon to do so. Among these are some of the leading business men of the town. They have shown their purpose to redeem the time by taking immediate measures to provide themselves with some more fit place of worship than the old, dilapidated Union Meeting-house. A subscription to build a new house of worship has been started, and the young man who labored with them two summers ago—a graduate of Yale Theological Seminary—has been employed for a year to preach for them. If this little church should apply to any churches or liberal hearted individuals for help in building them a sanctuary, we hope they will meet with a generous response and be encouraged in their undertaking. There is no other evangelical church in the village. The change in the place is so great, and so manifestly the result of other than human agencies, that we cannot but exclaim, "What hath God wrought?" while at the same time we feel rebuked for the lack of faith that has at times attended our labors and prayers in their behalf. It is not a vain thing to sow the seed of God's Word in any community, however indifferent and godless they are. Much of it may fall upon rocks, be choked by thorns or stolen away by the enemy of souls; yet, if we withhold not our hand, but sow the seed in the morning, at noontide and at evening with patient continuance, a harvest will ripen at last. There is a divine element in the seed and holy watchers guard it. All the heavenly host are interested in its success, and the promise of the unchangeable God makes it sure that his word will not return unto him void, but it shall accomplish that which he pleases, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto he sends it. The success which has attended our efforts within the past ten years in such places as East Braintree and West Brookfield, Orange, Woodbury and Bridgewater, ought to rebuke our unbelief and quicken our faith in the use of God's appointed means of grace for every community and for all souls.

LACK OF FUNDS.

The state of our treasury has been a cause of serious anxiety to s, during the past months, for the first time for many years. We ave generally received enough to meet all the needs of the feeble hurches in the state, besides what has been given to aid in the Vestern work. The reason of our lack of funds this year seems not o be owing to any want of interest in our state work, but to a most ommendable desire to relieve the American Home Missionary Society rom its embarrassments, and perhaps also from a want of a knowledge f or proper attention to the amount needed from the churches of the tate for our state work. The repeated cries of distress, by the merican Home Missionary Society through last fall and winter, by eason of their heavy debt, accompanied with touching accounts of ie sufferings of Western missionaries, awakened a strong sympathy i their behalf and led quite a large number of churches, accustomed) send their contributions to our treasury, to forward them directly) New York, probably without a thought, in many cases, what effect might have on our state work. Some, indeed, were careful, also,) give something to our state treasury, but it was generally a much naller sum than usual. As a result, the National Society was elieved from debt and the wants of the Western missionaries supplied, while our state society has been left without the necessary unds to meet the pledges to her missionaries. We are not alone n this experience. The trustees of the Connecticut Home Missionary Society, in an address to the churches of that state, say: "In 1877 we spent in this state $1,755.12 more than the churches gave us, and closed the year in debt to our faithful missionaries; and on the last three quarterly pay days of 1878 we have not had enough to meet what was due, and some of the missionaries have had to wait weeks for their money. Such a state of things has not occurred before in these fourteen years. It has resulted largely from the pecuniary embarrassments which have pressed upon the American Home Missionary Society in the last three or four years, under which that society has been compelled to issue frequent and urgent appeals for help. * * * In these circumstances, it is not strange that our churches, supposing the state society had friends enough for its work, have sent a larger portion of their contributions to the National Society at New York. The straitness under which the state society now suffers is mortifying, and ought to be removed." We appreciate the feelings of the trustees of the Connecticut Home Missionary Society.

OUR DUTY TO THE WEST.

The interest manifested by our churches in the work in the new states and territories, as indicated during the past year by their contributions to carry it forward, is most gratifying. We earnestly hope that that interest will increase from year to year, and that the annual amount given by the churches of this State for the evangelization of the West will be much greater than it has been in the past. The rapid settlement of the new territories, which is going on at the present time with an unprecedented rapidity, will make it exceedingly necessary, for some years to come, to do with promptness and energy much pioneer work and the laying of Christian foundations in the rising empires of the West. Vermont ought to bear her full share in this national Christian enterprise. God forbid that we, who have sent so largely of our sons and daughters to the West, should be backward in helping them and their neighbors, gathered from nearly all the kingdoms and nations of the earth, to the ministry of the Word and the ordinances of the gospel.

PRIOR DUTY TO OUR OWN NEEDY CHURCHES.

While therefore we provide according to our ability to supply the religious needs of the West, we must not be unmindful of our *prior* obligations to the feeble churches of our own State. Such are our relations to them that we are utterly without excuse if we do not supply their needs. This we can do and help the West at the same time. God has made it the clear duty of the churches in this State to relieve the necessities of their own feeble sisters. No pressing calls to supply the heathen with the preached gospel, or to help lay the foundations of religious institutions at the West, furnish any valid reason for the neglect of our little churches and destitute communities at home. To let churches in Vermont dwindle and die for the sake of establishing others in Kansas or Dakota is neither good economy nor good Christianity. The West can better afford to let us spend as much of our money at home as is needful to keep up vigorously our churches and Christianize our people, and thus receive from us as the result Christian settlers, than she can to take from us the money needful for this work and have a godless horde of immigrants from our hills. It is as much our duty "to be watchful and strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die" in our old states, as it is to start into life new organizations and institutions in new states. If a church is a *divine necessity* for a new, it is equally so for an old community. Souls are as precious and their spiritual culture as nec-

ıong the green hills of Vermont as when camped on the
· among the gold-bearing rocks of the West.

CESSITY OF MISSIONARY WORK IN THE OLD STATES.

ces of infidelity and ungodliness which spring up in the old
ies where the masses are not leavened with gospel truth are
danger to our social, civil and religious institutions and to
ıal life as any that can threaten us on the frontier in the
f the gospel. Our national perils are to-day greater from
ɔf society in the old than in the new states. Communism
ened fruit, the demoniacal offspring, of a civilization that
ty has failed to mould and sanctify, where the church has
to permeate the hearts and minds of all the people from
upwards with the truths of God's Word. There is nothing
o-called Christian nations have more to fear in the coming
n communism, with its unreasonableness, its bitterness,
orseless cruelty and disregard of God's authority and the
man. Like blood poison it silently spreads in Christian
l old communities among the neglected, churchless masses.

at and pressing duty of our churches and our home mission-
izations at the present day is not solely or mainly to pro-
gospel of the Son of God on the frontier, important as that
untiring energy and at any cost, with the might of God's
Spirit to reach all communities and families in the older
h divine truth. If this nation is to be saved to Christ and
ı it is to be done by the most thorough and persistent
work in all the states, but especially in the old. It must
in detail by reaching every community and each individual
ife-giving truth of God's Word. Spiritism, indifferentism,
lity, that thrive in all districts and families unreached by
hes and Christian truth, are seed plots of evil, and their
fluence extends itself in all directions.

INTERDEPENDENCE OF OUR CHURCHES.

s not a church in the state, strong or feeble, that should
year devote some of its offerings to Christianize Vermont
ing all our small churches and supplying destitute commu-
h the public worship of God. For there is not a church
not depend in part, for its membership or church officers,
s who have been trained up in or joined it from some of the
urches. The growth and prosperity of all the stronger

churches especially depends on the thorough religious leavening of our rural districts with gospel influences, from which districts persons are constantly moving into the larger parishes, carrying with them the religious sentiments and principles they have gained from attendance upon the little country church, or the ungodliness they have imbibed in the back districts or small towns where the church bell, the Sabbath-school, and the prayer meeting were never present as agencies to mould their lives after the divine pattern.

OUR DEFICIENCIES THE PAST YEAR.

The churches of Vermont have not done their duty the past year in contributing to sustain the feeble churches of the state. There are only two Conferences in the state that have contributed, to our treasury during the year, as much as we paid out in the same time to sustain the feeble churches, within the bounds of those Conferences. Those two exceptional Conferences, whose churches have given more than they have received, are Addison and Caledonia.

The following table shows the amounts which this society has paid to the feeble churches of the several Conferences in excess of what the churches in these Conferences have paid into our treasury:

To Bennington Conference	$84
" Chittenden Conference	88
" Essex Conference	510
" Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	52
" Lamoille Conference	301
" Orange Conference	570
" Orleans Conference	875
" Rutland Conference	401
" Washington Conference	937
" Windham Conference	322
" Windsor Conference	203

Such a state of things ought not to continue and *cannot*. We cannot go on with our work without more liberal receipts. The demands that were providentially in the hands of the treasurer, at the beginning of the year, have enabled him to meet this great deficiency for this year. But for the future it is necessary for the churches to consider well the actual amount needed for our work and see that that sum is supplied.

AMOUNT OF FUNDS NEEDED FOR THE COMING YEAR.

We have in our state about sixteen thousand five hundred resident members. To carry on our state work, with the strictest economy,

consistent with its highest efficiency, we need a contribution from every church in the state to average at least fifty cents a member. That will give us some $8,260. What may be expected from legacies and interest should bring up the amount to between nine and ten thousand dollars.

We ask from the members of this society, from all the ministers and churches, a careful consideration of these facts and such wise action as shall ensure *the spiritual care of Vermont by Vermont churches.*

In behalf of the Directors.

C. S. SMITH, Secretary.

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 9, 1879.

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant
ADDISON COUNTY.			
BRIDPORT	$61 86	$	$
CORNWALL—Church, $53 33; Ladies' Cent Society, $15 28; Mrs. Anna Stone, $500 00	553 33	15 28	
MIDDLEBURY—Church, $81 41; Ladies' Society, $69 57	81 41	69 57	
NEW HAVEN	58 46		
RIPTON	26 00		
SALISBURY	8 00		
VERGENNES	25 60		
WEYBRIDGE	60 32		
WHITING	6 00		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
ARLINGTON EAST—$13 00; Rev. C. Redfield, $5 00	18 00		
BENNINGTON—1st Church	51 11		
BENNINGTON—2d Church	81 82		
DORSET	15 00		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET	31 55		
McINDOES FALLS	10 00		
BURKE EAST	10 00		
HARDWICK EAST	10 00		
KIRBY	9 50		
PEACHAM	36 42		
ST JOHNSBURY CENTER	7 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST—Church, $8 00; J. P. H., $14 00	22 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Church	138 05		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Church	170 80		
ST. JOHNSBURY—"Friends of Missions"	$1000		
LOWER WATERFORD—Mrs. S. Blake	1 00		
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BURLINGTON—1st Church, $99 15; C. J. Alger, $5 00	104 15		
BURLINGTON—3d Church	140 80		
COLCHESTER—Church, $25 00; Dea. Farrand, $5 00	30 00		
ESSEX JUNCTION	9 00		
JERICHO CENTER	13 62		
UNDERHILL—Miss Wires	2 00		
WESTFORD	15 00		
WILLISTON	16 00		
WINOOSKI	5 50		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ESSEX COUNTY.			
VICTORY	$19 67	$	$
L—Church, $14 38; R. Chase, $5 00	19 38		
ND—Church, $12 55; Rev. C. C. Torrey, $5 00	17 55		
GH	8 00		
FRANKLIN COUNTY.			
LD	3 00		
EAST	5 22		
H	6 50		
	23 04		
—1st Church	156 20		
Church, $6 17; J. H. B., $10; Ladies' Cent Society, $14 00	16 17	14 00	
& GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE	11 08		
GRAND ISLE COUNTY.			
Church, $2 00; Miss E. Butler, $10 00	12 00		
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
LE	10 00		
rch, $21 95; Ladies' Cent Society, $8 25	21 95	8 25	
LE	8 68		
ORANGE COUNTY.			
—Church, $25 40; Sabbath School, $5 00; Ladies, for the West, Ladies' Cent Society, $24 50	42 40	24 50	
EAST & WEST BROOKFIELD	6 50		
D—Mrs. Lucinda Smith, to constitute Andrew S. Allis a L. Mem.	20 00		
	35 00		
	10 00		
—to const. Dea. D. P. Kimball and Mrs. James B. Laurie L. Ms.	74 94		
WEST	29 36		
	5 38		
	11 00		
)	26 80		
—To cons. Mrs. Jane Colburn a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	30 00		
—North Church $6.71; E. G. Baxter $2.00	8 71		
E	6 20		
-H. Colton & Son	10 00		
ER	16 50		
LEE	18 00		
OWN	5 00		
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
	5 00		
adies' Cent Society		17 19	
N WEST	31 25		
Y NORTH	8 40		
	7 34		
	17 75		
O—Church $9.50; Rev. M. Patten and family $20.00	29 50		
	7 00		
	12 50		
Church, $21 25; "New Year," $20 00	41 25		
	6 25		
)	4 00		
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
	25 00		
N	10 51		
	8 46		
N	20 50		
ON	51		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From
RUTLAND COUNTY—Continued.			
MIDDLETOWN	$30 15	$	$
PAWLET	6 00		
PITTSFORD—For A. H. M. S.	44 00		
RUTLAND—Church, $29 00; Sabbath School, $35 00	64 00		
RUTLAND WEST—Church and Sabbath School	38 72		
SUDBURY	11 90		
WALLINGFORD	67 90		
WEST HAVEN	10 50		
WASHINGTON COUNTY.			
BARRE	22 70		
CABOT	7 00		
CALAIS EAST			67 67
MARSHFIELD	20 00		80 00
MONTPELIER—Church, $74 90; Rev. J. H. H., $15 00; Rev. A. D. B., $4 00	94 90		
NORTHFIELD	35 71		
PLAINFIELD	9 15		
ROXBURY	18 00		
WAITSFIELD	16 75		
WARREN			200 00
WATERBURY—To const. Frank L. Knight a Life Mem. of the A. H. M. S.	30 00		
WORCESTER	8 50		
WINDHAM COUNTY.			
BELLOWS FALLS	24 54		
BRATTLEBORO	126 90		
BRATTLEBORO WEST	63 33		
CAMBRIDGEPORT	6 00		
FAYETTEVILLE	4 35		
JAMAICA	12 00		
SAXTON'S RIVER—Church, $21 33; Dr. E. H. P., $5 00	26 33		
TOWNSHEND WEST	9 05		
WESTMINSTER	10 30		
WESTMINSTER WEST—Church, $43 71; W. Hitchcock, $1 00	44 71		
WINDHAM	50		
WINDSOR COUNTY.			
ASCUTNEYVILLE—Mrs. O. A. Gage $3.00; Mrs. A. Murry 3.00	6 00		
BRIDGEWATER	15 00		126 00
CHESTER	20 00		
HARTFORD	30 09		
LUDLOW	12 91		
NORWICH	36 50		
ROCHESTER	13 00		
ROYALTON	26 00		
ROYALTON SOUTH	15 00		
SPRINGFIELD	31 16		
WESTON—Lucy P. Bartlett $4.00; Mrs L. A. Sprague 1.00	5 00		
WINDSOR	29 00		
WOODSTOCK—Church $135.50; Ladies' Cent Society $20.11 to const. Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Hicks Life Members	135 10	20 11	
WINDSOR COUNTY CONFERENCE	2 13		
KEENE, N. H., Rev. S. P. Cook	2 00		
KEENE, N. N., S. A. White	1 00		
OTHER RECEIPTS.			
Contributed at the Annual Meeting at Rutland	30 36		
Legacy of Ebenezer Lewis of Barnard	502 09		
From notes and interest	1183 00		
Interest on bonds	284 00		
From the Alvord Farm	21 61		
Barton—Estate of Mrs. Mary B. Pierce	100 00		
Withdrew from Savings Bank	1006 00		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MERY, Treasurer,

In account with the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To balance cash on hand		$1782 91
" cash from contributions — Ordinary Department		5077 11
" " " " Itinerant "		174 68
" " " " Field		498 67
" " " legacies		502 00
" " " collections, notes, and interest		1343 21
" " " Montpelier Savings Bank		1000 00
		$10,378 58

CREDIT.

. C.S. Smith, Sec'y orders :

dinary Department	$8642 07	
ıerant "	864 67	
posit, Montpelier Savings Bank	500 00	
Balance cash on hand	371 84	
		$10,378 58

J. C. EMERY,
Treasurer.

:pelier, June 10, 1879.

MONTPELIER, June 10, 1879.

e this day examined the account of J. C. Emery, Treasurer of the Vermont tic Missionary Society, for the year ending this day, and find the following riz.

: of cash on hand June 11, 1878	$1782 91
:s during the year have been	8595 67
lking a total of	$10378 58
ıements during the year have been	$10006 74
aving a balance in his hands to be accounted for of	$371 84

e examined all charges made, compared the same with the vouchers therefor, l them properly sustained and the account correct.

J. A. PAGE,
Auditor.

INVESTED FUNDS OF THE V. D. M. S.

ecured by mortgage	$3213 30
of foreclosure on farm in Brookfield	4245 51
Maine Bonds	3000 00
New Hampshire Bonds	500 00
States Four Per Cents	700 00
ticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad Stock	2200 00
lfer Manufacturing Co. Stock	600 00
	$14,458 81

ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY.

RECEIPTS ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1879, WHICH HAVE NOT PASSED THROUGH OUR TREASURY.

1878.		
June	Brandon	$40 25
	Castleton	42 20
July	Barton Landing and Brownington	6 20
	North Springfield, C. Hayward	5 00
	St. Albans, Mrs. J. G. Smith	10 00
Aug.	Putney, Mrs. A. C. Shattuck	5 00
	St. Albans, Sabbath School	50 00
	St. Johnsbury, North Church	37 63
	Springfield, Mrs. E. Parks, $100; A. Woolson, $500	600 00
	Stowe, Friends	30 00
	Sutton, Legacy of Mrs. L. B. Hyde	28 81
	Vergennes	25 00
	Vermont	20 00
	Windham	13 05
Sept.	Springfield	46 33
	Tunbridge	6 37
Oct.	Clarendon, Mrs. A. H. Perry	10 00
	Waterbury, Leander Hutchins	1000 00
	Woodstock, Legacy of Mrs. Lathrop	23 19
Nov.	Benson, Mrs. A. M. Howard	10 00
	St. Johnsbury, S. Balch	100 00
Dec.	Burlington, T. W. Fisher	2 00
	Lunenburgh, A Friend	1 00
	Middlebury, A Friend	10 00
	Thetford North, E. G. Baxter	3 00
	Wallingford, a Friend	10 00
	Weybridge, L. B. Drake	4 00
	Wilmington, P. Prouty	66 67
1879.		
Jan.	Brandon, church, $41; A. C. Dana, $50	91 00
	Brattleboro, Centre church, $30; Mrs. H. M. L. $25	55 00
	Burlington, Miss M. C. Torrey	4 20
	Chester, Ladies' Cent Society	26 00
	Irasburgh	6 25
	Newbury, Hon. P. W. Ladd	5 00

	Pittsford, Friends	$18 00
	Putney Rev A Foster	5 00
	Rutland, a widow's mite	3 00
	St. Albans, Ladies of 1st Church	12 00
	St. Johnsbury S. Balch	25 00
	Stowe, Ladies	15 00
	Swanton, Ladies	2 25
	Harvey, Eliza and Harriet Stone	5 00
	Waterbury, G. C. W	1 00
	Barnet, Rev. N. R. Nichols and family	1 45
	Benson, Mrs. J. Kent	1 00
	Brandon	25 00
	Brattleboro, T. $10; C. $5	15 00
	Brattleboro, N. W. Goddard	5 00
	Brookfield, 1st Church	20 00
	Brookfield, 2d Church	16 33
	Castleton, a widow's mite	5 50
	Chester Ladies' Benevolent Society	1 40
	Hardwick East, P. and A. S	5 78
	Essex Centre	10 00
	Grafton, Mrs. S. B. Pettengill	80
	New Haven, Rev. S. Knowlton	30 00
	New Haven, Mrs. Eliza Meacham	10 00
	Newbury, Hattie E. Keyes	1 00
	Orwell	26 61
	Pittsford	57 03
	Ripton, Ladies	5 00
	St. Johnsbury, North Church	93 29
	St. Johnsbury, South Church	167 58
	Shelburne, a Friend	30 00
	Springfield, M. W. S	5 00
	Stowe, Ladies	1 14
	Strafford, a few Friends	10 00
	Brattleboro West, Individuals	44 75
	Charleston West, Rev. W. T. and C. L. Herrick	22 40
	Cornwall West, a Friend	2 40
	Westminster West, Ladies	10 00
	Townshend West, Friends	12 00
	Williston, Mrs. M. A. Clark	5 00
1.	Barnet, a poor woman	25
	Barre	12 00
	Bellows Falls	24 00
	Brownington, S. S	21 84
	Benson	9 00
	Berlin	14 00
	Bradford, $20; Mrs. M. P. S. Pritchard, $20	40 00
	Brandon	26 25
	Brattleboro	166 50
	Brookfield, 1st Church	3 00

March.	Cabot	$7 9
	Castleton	16 1
	Chester, S. S	50 0
	Cornwall, Friends	20 0
	Danby	2 5
	Dorset	11 0
	Arlington East	2 5
	Georgia, $8; Mrs. C. A. Jocelyn, $5	13 0
	Greensboro	9 0
	Hartland	5 0
	Holland, S. S	8 8
	Johnson, Ladies	18 15
	Lower Waterford	10 0
	Lyndon, Mrs. P. Goss	1 0
	Lyndon Centre	10 0
	Lyndonville	10 0
	Manchester	118 76
	Newbury 1st, S. S. $15; Miss H. E. Keyes, $50.	65 0
	New Haven, Mrs. Eliza Meacham	50 0
	Newport, S. S	15 0
	Norwich	15 0
	Orange county, a Friend of Missions	10 0
	Orwell	34 2
	Putney, Mission Circle	10 0
	St. Albans, 1st Church, a Friend	12 6
	St. Johnsbury	465 7
	Springfield	95 2
	Strafford	12 5
	Swanton	25 2
	Townshend	20 0
	Vergennes	30 0
	Vermont, M. C. W	2 0
	Westminster	30 0
	West Rutland, Church and S. S	38 7
	White River Junction, Mrs. C. H. Latham	30 0
	White River Junction, Mrs. L. E. Allen	5 0
	Windham	5 0
	Windsor, Mrs. C. H. Bushee	4
	Winooski	6 2
April.	Bennington, 2d Church, $4 20; Anna C. Park, $5	9 2
	Bridport, S. S	23 0
	Burlington 1st Church	159 3
	Burlington 3d Church	85 2
	Cambridge, S. S	5 4
	Danville	13 3
	Braintree East, Rev. C. H. Covell	1 0
	Hartford, Ladies	14 0
	Middlebury	40 0

April.	Thetford North	$8 09
	Peacham, a Friend	20 00
	Quechee	12 00
May.	Brattleboro, a Friend	1 00
	Essex, C. Farrand	5 00
	New Haven, E. H. Hoyt	1 00
	Randolph, Mrs. I. Nichols	10 00
	St. Johnsbury, a Lady	2 00
	Saxton's River, Dr. E. H. Pettingill	5 00
	Swanton	1 50
		$85147 77

There have been sent, also, from Sabbath-schools in the State, for the Sunday-school work of the American Home Missionary Society, directly to that Society $143 35

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The VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY held its fifty-ninth Annual Meeting in the College Street Congregational Church, Burlington, in connection with the meeting of the *Vermont General Convention*, June 11, 1879.

The President, M. H. Buckham, D. D., took the chair, and prayer was offered by Rev. G. F. Herrick, Missionary from Turkey.

The reading of the report of last year's meeting was omitted. In the absence of the Treasurer, Dea. C. F. Thompson, the Treasurer's Report was read by the Secretary, Rev. A. B. Swift, together with so much of the Report of the Treasurer of the American Education Society as relates to funds received from Vermont.

A Committee of three was appointed by the Chair to make nominations for the ensuing year, consisting of Rev. E. P. Hooker, Rev. S. I. Briant and Rev. J. Cowan.

The Society then listened to addresses by Revs. R. T. Hall, A. A. Baker and Allen Hazen, D. D.

The Nominating Committee reported the officers of the Society the same as last year, excepting the nomination of J. C. Emery in the place of Dea. C. F. Thompson for Treasurer, Dea. Thompson having resigned. Also the same Board of Directors excepting the substitution of Dea. C. F. Thompson in place of Rev. R. T. Searle; also adding the name of Dea. Thompson to the list of Vice Presidents.

The report was adopted, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

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The Society then adjourned.

A. B. SWIFT, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY,

In account with C. F. THOMPSON, *Treasurer.*

CREDIT.

By balance on hand June 11, 1878			$21 9
" Received from church, Sheldon	$2	00	
Rev. C. Duren, Granby		50	
church, W. Brattleboro	9	57	
church, Woodstock	23	55	
church, North Craftsbury	7	20	
church, " " for Colorado College	15	45	
church, Chester	8	00	
church, Irasburgh	4	20	
church, Westminster	5	13	
1st church, St. Albans (2 coll.)	17	40	
church, Northfield	13	31	
Centre church, Brattleboro	38	71	
church, Strafford	5	00	
church, Montpelier	5	93	
church, Bradford	14	56	
friend " New Year," Newport	10	00	
church, West Charleston	9	00	
church, Dorset	5	00	
2d Congl. church, Bennington	43	02	
friend, Swanton	8	00	
church, Manchester	22	28	
church, Derby	2	50	
church, Enosburgh	7	18	
Barnet	4	25	
Rev. A. W. Wild, Peacham	10	21	
			$281
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Attest,

C. F. THOMPSON,

attleboro, Vt., June 9, 1879. } *Tr. Vt. Ed. Soc'y.*

ave this day examined the account of C. F. Thompson. Treas- and find the same correct, and accompanied by vouchers for the rsements.

G. G. BENEDICT, *Auditor.*

rlington, June 10, 1879.

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Contributions from Vermont made directly to the Office in Boston, from April 30, 1878, to April 30, 1879.

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For Ed. Department.....	60 00
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Clarendon, " " "	10 00
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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. Jonathan Clement, H. F. Leavitt, Aldace Walker, Harvey D. Kitchel, M. H. Buckham, William H. Lord, Charles S. Smith, Alfred Stevens, Joseph Chandler, Joseph Torrey, Julius Converse, Franklin Fairbanks, John A. Page, L. L. Dutcher, James W. Hickok, and their associates, who shall be the members of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, and which members shall continue such associates for one year from the time of the adjournment of the Convention of which they are members, and till others become members in their stead, are hereby constituted a corporation and body politic by the name of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont; and by that name may sue and be sued; may have a common seal; and shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges of a corporation, for the purpose of receiving, taking care of and managing all funds, property and money which has heretofore, or may hereafter, come to the care, control, management, custody, or ownership of said Convention, or any trustee, officer, or person for said Convention, by whatever form or mode said funds, property, or money may have been, or may hereafter be conveyed, given, transferred, bequeathed or devised to such Convention, or to the denomination of Christians called and known by the name of Congregationalists, or any branch thereof.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called by two or more of the persons named in the first section of this act, and which meeting shall be at the time and place of the next General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, a notice of which meeting shall be published at least three successive weeks in the VERMONT CHRONICLE, published at Windsor, Vermont.

SEC. 3. At said meeting and all other annual meetings of said corporation shall be chosen a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five trustees, who shall hold their respective offices one year, and till others are chosen or appointed.

SEC. 4. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall respectively perform the offices usually performed by such officers, and such as may be imposed upon them by the by-laws. The Secretary

also shall call all meetings under the direction of the trustees, and also when at least three members shall, in writing, request a special meeting to be called. All meetings of the corporation shall be called and notified by publishing the same in one or more newspapers in the State, one of which shall be the VERMONT CHRONICLE, unless otherwise ordered by the by-laws of the corporation, or by the Trustees. The treasurer, except where otherwise ordered by the corporation, shall receive all moneys, funds, property and assets of every description belonging to, entrusted, or in any way committed to the care or custody of the corporation, and be responsible for the same, and shall disburse, pay over and deliver, as shall from time to time be ordered by the trustees or a majority of them; he shall at least once a year make a full and true statement and report of the financial condition of the corporation, therein designating the kind or class of funds, and for what purpose donated, bequeathed or held; he shall also exhibit all books, vouchers and papers to said trustees whenever requested by them, and shall furnish statements and copies whenever requested by them upon reasonable notice; he shall, if requested by the trustees, give bonds with sufficient sureties to the acceptance of the trustees, for the faithful discharge of his duties as treasurer. Whenever a vacancy shall happen in the office of treasurer, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment of the trustees, till the next annual meeting of the corporation, or till appointed by vote of the corporation. The trustees shall have the general oversight of the interests and prudential affairs of the corporation: shall see that all funds, moneys, and other property are faithfully preserved, taken care of, and administered as shall be most for the interest of the corporation, and in accordance with the wishes of testators and donors; they shall perform all acts and discharge all duties not assigned to any other officer by the articles of association, or by the by-laws made in pursuance thereof. If any vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment by the surviving trustees till an election by the corporation.

SEC. 5. At any annual meeting of the corporation, by-laws may be established or altered, not inconsistent with this charter or the laws of this State.

SEC. 6. This act shall be under the control of any future legislature, and shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, November 21, 1872.

Adopted by the Convention, June 18, 1873.

CONSTITUTION.

OBJECT.

ART. 1. The object of the Convention is to promote the harmony, fellowship and efficiency of the churches, and their co-operation in Christian work.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD.

ART. 2. The Convention receives as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity as they are for substance stated in the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865; these doctrines are understood by us to be those which from the beginning have been received by the Congregational Churches of New England.

COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION.

ART. 3. Every association of ministers in the State receiving these doctrines is entitled to two delegates in the Convention; each association having eight ordained resident ministers, three delegates; and for every four additional members, an additional delegate. Every County Conference of Churches receiving the same faith is entitled to three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The minister of the parish where the meeting is held, appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, members of boards appointed by the Convention, officers of benevolent societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, and the person acting for the time as Editor of the VERMONT CHRONICLE so long as the Chronicle maintains its present relations to this body, shall be members.

OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The officers of the Convention as prescribed by the act of incorporation are a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually, and to hold their respective offices from the final adjournment of the meeting at which they are chosen to the close of the next annual meeting. There shall also be appointed at each annual meeting, two or more boards of five each, to have the care of funds or any valuable interests intrusted to the Convention for the ensuing year, a Scribe, Assistant Scribe, and an Auditor of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of

the several boards having the management of funds, to serve at and during the meeting at which they are appointed; and once in five years, commencing with 1875, there shall also be appointed a Corresponding Secretary for the Convention, and Reporters of Statistics, and Receivers of Assessments for the several Conferences of Churches.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, at the proper time, to furnish the Reporters with a copy of the schedule prepared for collecting statistics under the direction of the Convention; to arrange the statistical parts of the reports when returned, for publication; and, from the facts reported, to present to the Convention during its session a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year.

DUTIES OF REPORTERS.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Reporters, each for his own Conference, to make report for the year ending January first, agreeably to the blank schedule furnished them. These reports shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meeting of the Convention. In case of the absence of any Reporter, the duty of reporting shall devolve on the Register of the Conference.

TIME OF MEETING.

ART. 7. The Convention shall meet annually on the second Tuesday of June at 2 o'clock, P. M.

VACANCIES.

ART. 8. If at any time, or from any cause, the office of Secretary, or of Corresponding Secretary of the Convention shall become vacant, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall immediately, by notification of each member in writing, convene the Board at a specified time and place, and, when so met, said Board shall by a majority vote appoint some person to fill the vacancy till the next annual meeting of the Convention or until a new election is made; and any person so appointed shall be a legal officer of the Convention.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 9. These articles shall not be altered except at an annual meeting and by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

Adopted June 17, 1874.

RULES OF BUSINESS AND ORDER.

1. To facilitate the preparing of the roll, members of the Convention are required to hand their certificates of membership to the Secretary, or to the Minister of the parish, as soon as practicable after reaching the place of meeting. No person shall be enrolled without credentials, unless by vote of the Convention.

2. The Annual meeting of the Convention shall be opened with a business session. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall take the chair, lead in prayer, call for the reading of the roll, and for the election of a Scribe and Assistant Scribe, when the docket of business prepared by the Secretary shall be read. In the absence of both President and Vice President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and after reading the roll, shall call for the election of a President, *pro tempore*, who shall be chosen by ballot, and shall preside till the President or Vice President shall arrive, or till the close of the session.

3. The stated public exercises after the opening of the business session shall be as follows:

Tuesday Evening—Convention Sermon.

Wednesday Morning—Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

Wednesday Afternoon—Report of the Corresponding Secretary, to be followed by an essay.

Wednesday Evening—Addresses by representatives from such of our co-operative benevolent societies as the Committee of Arrangements shall provide.

Thursday Morning—Discussion, introduced by the brethren appointed, those opening the discussion being limited to twenty minutes each, and those following to ten minutes each.

Thursday Afternoon—Conclusion of business and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

4. The committees to be appointed at each meeting are as follows: A Business Committee, through which all business not provided for in the Docket shall be brought before the Convention. A Nominating Committee, to nominate the officers provided for in the Act of Incorporation and in the Constitution, and the delegates to corresponding bodies. A Finance Committee, to make assessments on the Conferences. A Committee on Devotional Exercises, of which the Minister of the parish shall be the chairman. A Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to recommend the place for such meeting, nominate the preacher and substitute, select topics for the discussion and essay, and nominate persons to open the discussion and prepare the essay, with substitutes for each; whose office shall continue through the year, and who shall be empowered to make arrangements for the presentation of benevolent causes. These and all other committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise order, are to be nominated by the presiding officer in connection with the Secretary.

5. The meetings of the Convention each morning shall be opened with prayer, when the Scribe shall call the roll of members and read the minutes of the preceding day.

6. The President shall preserve order and decorum in the body, and when he takes part in any discussion, shall leave the chair, and address the Secretary.

7. No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, except by unanimous consent and after every other member who desires shall have spoken; and then the mover in the matter pending shall be permitted to speak in reply.

8. Every motion, except for adjournment, shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any two members desire it. No motion shall be acted on till seconded.

9. If any member in debating or otherwise shall transgress the rules of order or of propriety, the President shall, by his own authority, or at the request of any member, call him to order; and if a question shall arise concerning his being in order, it shall be decided without debate by an appeal to the body.

10. When two or more persons rise to speak at once, the President shall name the one who is first to speak.

. No motion committed to writing shall be finally decided upon it shall have had three several readings, if any member calls

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. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received o adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a stated time, to nit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged. motion for adjournment, for laying on the table, for indefinite ponement, there shall be no debate.

. If the report of a committee contains only matters of fact for mation, or of argument for the consideration of the Convention, uestion is, *Shall the report be accepted?* and that question, unless seded by a motion to reject, to recommit, to postpone, or to lay e table, shall be taken *without debate*. Such report, if accepted, is d upon the files of the Convention, not entered upon the Minutes.

. If a report is in, or terminates with the form of a vote, reso-, or declaration, expressing the judgment or testimony of the ention, the question shall then be taken on the *adoption* of the t. If adopted, the vote, resolution, or declaration is entered the Minutes.

On the report of a Treasurer of a Board of Trustees or Direc- or of a Committee or other agent empowered to act for the Con- on, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted and approved?* question may be divided if a division is called for.

The merits of any subject whose proper reference is to the ess Committee shall not be discussed in Convention until it has referred to that Committee for consideration and report.

Members who may find it necessary to leave before the close of eeting, are expected to give notice of the fact to the President.

If it becomes necessary to change the place of the annual ng, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in consultation with resident and Vice President, to select a place.

ese By-Laws and Rules shall not be subject to alteration except e consent of two thirds of the members present at an annual ng.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

TIME OF MEETING.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD AND MEMBERSHIP.

The Convention meets on the second Tuesday of June annually. Its doctrinal standard is the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865. It is constituted as follows:

Every Association in the State holding this faith may send two delegates, and if it has eight ordained resident ministers, it may send three, and an additional delegate for every additional four members. Every County Conference of like faith may send three delegates, one of whom may be a minister. The Permanent Officers of the Convention, the Preacher, Minister of the Parish where the Convention is held, Appointees of the previous meeting who perform the duties assigned them, Members of Boards appointed by the Convention, Officers of Benevolent Societies whose annual meetings are held in connection with the meetings of the Convention, and the Editor of the *Vermont Chronicle*, are Members *ex officiis*. The Officers of the Convention are chosen annually except the Corresponding Secretary, who is elected for five years, the next election being in 1880. The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and the Vermont Education Society hold their Anniversaries in connection with the meeting of this Convention.

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES,

AND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

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To F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. C. W. THOMPSON. Substitute, Rev. N. F. COBLEIGH.

NEXT ANNNAL MEETING.

Place—St. Johnsbury.

Preacher—Rev. E. G. Read. Substitute, Rev. C. W. Thompson.

Essay—The Relation of the Family to the State. M. H. Buckham, D. D. Substitute, Rev. L. O. Brastow.

Discussion—The Council and the Ministerial Association as Safeguards of Doctrinal Purity. Rev. G. B. Safford, D. D., Rev. J. G. Hale. Substitutes, Rev. E. P. Hooker, D. D., Rev. T. M. Boss.

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MINUTES.

The GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the church in Chester, June 8, 1880.

At two o'clock P. M. the Convention was called to order by the President, Hon. JOHN B. PAGE, who offered prayer.

Awaiting the arrival of many delegates, a half hour was spent in devotional exercises.

The Secretary, Rev. C. H. MERRILL, then read the roll of delegates who had presented their credentials, and the names of members *ex-officiis*, and the docket of business.

The following delegates having presented their credentials, were enrolled as members:

Addison Association—Rev. J. C. HOUGHTON, Rev. WILLIAM N. BACON, Rev. M. L. SEVERANCE, Rev. STEPHEN KNOWLTON.

Bennington Association—Rev. ISAAC JENNINGS, Rev. A. C. REED, Rev. L. C. PARTRIDGE.

Caledonia Association—Rev. F. B. PHELPS, Rev. H. W. JONES.

Lamoille Association—Rev. A. A. SMITH.

Montpelier Association—Rev. P. H. CARPENTER, Rev. C. M. WINCH, Rev. J. P. DEMERITT.

North-Western Association—

Orange Association—Rev. E. J. RANSLOW, Rev. W. SCHOFIELD.

Orleans Association—Rev. JOSEPH BOARDMAN, Rev. WM. CARR, Rev. E. P. WILD.

Royalton Association—Rev. G. W. OSGOOD, Rev. S. S. GRINNELL, Rev. E. B. CHAMBERLAIN.

Rutland Association—Rev. CALVIN GRANGER, Rev. GEORGE G. LYON, Rev. GEORGE H. MORSS, Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

White River Association—Rev. S. I. BRIANT, Rev. L. W. HICKS.

Windham Association—Rev. A. HOLBROOK, Rev. O. G. BAKER, Rev. C. J. SWITZER, Rev. LEWIS GROUT.

Winooski Association—Rev. JOHN COWAN, Rev. J. D. EMERSON.

Addison Conference—Rev. GEORGE E. HALL, Bro. J. D. SMITH, Dea. GEORGE P. HATHORN.

Bennington Conference—Rev. A. B. LAMBERT, D. D., Bro. T. E. BROWNELL, Dea. G. M. SYKES.

Caledonia Conference—Rev. R. D. OSGOOD, Rev. M. A. GATES.

Chittenden Conference—Dea. WILLIAM MILLER.

Essex Conference—

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Rev. J. H. BABBITT.

Lamoille Conference—Dea. FLETCHER JONES.

Orange Conference—Rev. WILLIAM S. BLAISDELL.

Orleans Conference—Rev. G. S. BUTLER, Bro. D. W. ROBINSON, Bro. D. M. CAMP.

Rutland Conference—Rev. CHARLES N. BRAINARD.

Washington Conference—Rev. C. H. COVELL, Bro. GEO. W. SCOTT.

Windham Conference—Rev. D. N. GOODRICH, Dea. J. O. FOLLETT, Dea. N. PIERCE.

Windsor Conference—Rev. J. R. FLINT, Bro. E. L. DUTTON, Dea. F. L. SMALL.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF THE CONVENTION.

President—Hon. John B. Page.

Vice President—Rev. L. H. Elliot.

Secretary—Rev. C. H. Merrill.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. P. S. Pratt.

Treasurer—J. C. Emery, Esq.

Trustee of Convention—Rev. A. Stevens, D. D.

Preacher—Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Henry Fairbanks.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—J. G. Stimson, Esq., Rev. E. P. Hooker.

Appointees of last meeting—Rev. E. T. Hooker, Rev. W. W. Winchester, Dea. Joseph Poland.

Delegates to other Bodies—Rev. Lawrence Phelps, Rev. L. O. Brastow, Rev. S. K. B. Perkins.

OFFICERS OF VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Secretary—Rev. C. S. Smith.

Directors—Rev. S. W. Dike, Rev. W. S. Hazen, Rev. J. G. Hale, Rev. G. B. Safford, D. D., Rev. H. Fairbanks.

OFFICERS OF VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Vice President—C. F. Thompson.

Secretary—Rev. A. B. Swift.

Director—Rev. G. H. French.

Editor of Vermont Chronicle—Rev. A. D. Barber.

Rev. L. H. Elliot was chosen *Scribe*, and Rev. L. Phelps, *Assistant Scribe*.

The report of the Committee on the "VERMONT CHRONICLE" was presented by Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, and after remarks by Revs. J. G. Hale, A. D. Barber and Dea. J. Poland, it was accepted.

Rev. A. D. Barber moved that the Committee on the VERMONT CHRONICLE for the last year be re-appointed and authorized to act during the current year for the Convention in any matters that may arise pertaining to an increase in the circulation of the CHRONICLE. After remarks by Rev. J. G. Hale and A. Stevens, D. D., the motion was passed.

The report of the Committee on "Resolution in regard to Change of the Constitution" was presented by Dea. J. Poland, recommending that Article 3d of the Constitution of this Convention, entitled, "*Composition of the Convention*," be amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3D. Every ordained Congregational minister, receiving these doctrines, who is in good standing in one of the Ministerial Associations in this State, and ministers regularly to one of the churches represented in this body, shall be a member of this Convention. Every Congregational church in the State, receiving the same doctrines, and connected with one of the County Conferences, shall be entitled to representation in this Convention by one of its members whom it may elect for that purpose. Persons elected to any office or holding any appointment by this Convention shall be members thereof till such office or appointment shall expire. Officers of benevolent societies, holding their anniversaries in connection with the meeting of this Convention, shall also be members of the Convention. Any person being present at a meeting of this Convention, and recommended by the Business Committee, may be received as an Honorary member, and when received shall have a right to take part in all deliberations, but may not vote.

Communications relating to the proposed change were received from Orange, Orleans, Washington and Caledonia Conferences. Re-

marks on the report were made by Revs. A. Stevens, D. D., L. C. Partridge, Henry Fairbanks, I. Jennings, J. G. Hale, J. G. Johnson, D. D., and others.

A substitute was offered by Dea. C. F. Thompson, and discussed.

On motion of Rev. C. H. Merrill, the subject was postponed and made the first order of business tomorrow morning.

On the nomination of the President, the Convention elected the following Committees:

Business Committee—Rev. E. P. Hooker, D. D., Rev. I. Jennings, Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Nominating Committee—Rev. G. B. Safford, D. D., Rev. W. S. Hazen, Rev. F. B. Phelps.

Finance Committee—J. G. Stimson, Esq., T. E. Brownell, Dea. J. O. Follett.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—Rev. H. L. Slack, Rev. R. D. Osgood, Rev. W. S. Blaisdell.

William P. Dodge was chosen *Auditor of Accounts.*

On motion of Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. William Brown, D. D., of the Congregational Union, was invited to sit with the Convention as a Corresponding Member. Rev. Merritt Hulburd, delegate from the Troy Methodist Episcopal Conference, presented the Christian salutations of that body, and was responded to by the President.

The Report of the Committee on the "resolution relative to Systematic Benevolence" was deferred till a later session.

Voted that the hours of meeting be as follows: at 9 A. M., 2 P. M., and 7: 30 P. M.; hours of adjournment, 12 M. and 5 P. M.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. Johnson, D.D., from Phil. 3: 10—"That I may know Him."

Rev. E. P. Hooker, D. D. assisted in the devotional services.

After announcements the meeting adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

A prayer meeting, held at 6 A. M., was conducted by Rev. S. K. B. Perkins, and a devotional meeting, led by Rev. J. H. Babbitt, was held at 8: 30 A. M.

At 9 A. M. the Convention met for business, the President in the chair.

Rev. E. P. Hooker, D. D., led in prayer.

The roll was called, and the records of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The discussion of the report relative to the change of the Constitution was taken up. On motion of Rev. E. P. Hooker, D. D., the subject was postponed till the next business session.

The Business Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

"The business Committee recommend that this Convention appoint a Committee of five (5), whose duty it shall be to carry out the purpose of the sixth resolution on Divorce, adopted by the General Convention last year, and that said committee shall be authorized to co-operate with the representatives of other Christian bodies in this State in the work of reform in divorce legislation, and that they have power to fill vacancies. The sixth resolution is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That we earnestly request the members of our churches to use their influence as Christian citizens, by discussion, by petition, by whatever legitimate methods, to secure such reform in legislation as shall place our marriage laws upon a Christian foundation."

The President nominated, and the Convention elected the following Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting: Revs. H. W. Jones, J. H. Babbitt, and A. Holbrook.

The Treasurer of the Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers reported as follows—which report was accepted and approved.

FAIRBANKS FUND FOR RELIEF OF MINISTERS,

In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

1879.		CREDIT.	
June.	10.	By balance in Treasury as per Auditor's report,	$603 22
Sept.	4.	By interest on Weimister's note.....	131 62
Oct.	9.	By interest on J. S. Blood's note.....	66 00
Nov.	6.	Cash of I. Granger on decree.....	89 53
	15.	Congl. Church in Peacham for Widows.....	11 91
	24.	Balance of interest on Weimister's note.....	56 30
Dec.	8.	Balance of interest on T. Kennedy's note....	54 00

1880.			
March	13.	Third Congl. Church of Burlington, for Widows,	$11 00
April	3.	Interest on J. Boss' note.....	180 00
	6.	Interest on H. Boardman's Agreement.....	48 00
	10.	Interest on Joseph Somerville's note.....	180 00
	"	Interest on exchange of note.....	3 00
			$1434 58

1879. DEBIT.

June	14 to June 1880.	Appropriations made to seven beneficiaries.....	$700 00	
June	1880.	To expenses to Randolph twice...	10 00	
"	"	To incidental expenses.....	4 75	
"	"	To balance in the Treasury.....	719 83	
				$1434 58

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the above accounts, and find them correct, and sustained by proper vouchers.

WM. P. DODGE, *Auditor.*

The fund consists as follows:

James Somerville,	note	$3000 00.....	Interest	from	April 1,	1880.
Josiah Bass,	"	3000 00.....	"	"	"	"
Curtis Parkhurst,	"	600 00.....	"	"	"	"
Isaac Granger,	"	1500 00.....	"	"	"	1876.
S. B. Phelps,	"	300 00.....	"	"	"	1880.
H. Boardman's agreement,		600 00.....	"	"	"	"
J. S. Blood,	note	$1000 00.....	"	"	Oct. 9,	1879.
Thomas Kennedy,	"	900 00.....	"	"	Nov. 21,	"
Patrick Kelley,	"	1000 00.....	"	"	Dec. 11,	"
Henrick Rabe,	"	2000 00.....	"	"	" 16,	"
		$13,900 00				

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

The Fairbanks Board of Education reported the following, which was accepted and approved:

FAIRBANKS BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Treasurer charges himself with		
Amount on hand June 1, 1879.....	$849 65	
Interest on investments.....	780 00	
		$1629 65
And credits himself with		
Paid orders of students aided.....	$800 00	
" bill for printing.....	3 00	
Balance on hand May 31, 1880.....	826 65	
		$1629 65

Audited by William P. Dodge.

Five aided students were on our list at the beginning of the year, six have been accepted since, and special grants made to one aided previously. Two have suspended study on account of their health, three having entered college receive aid from the Education Society, and six are still aided from our fund. A little more than the regular income has been expended, but there is still such a balance on hand that worthy applicants can be received.

E. T. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman.*
HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

At ten o'clock the Convention adjourned for the annual meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

At 12 o'clock the Convention resumed business.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

President—Rev. L. H. ELLIOT.

Vice President—Hon. HORACE FAIRBANKS.

Secretary—Rev. C. H. MERRILL.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. A. W. WILD.

Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, Esq.

Trustees—THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, Esq., Hon. J. A. PAGE, Rev. A. STEVENS, D. D., J. W. HICKOK, Esq., Rev. C. B. HULBERT, D. D.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. FAIRBANKS, Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, J. C. EMERY, Esq., Rev. C. W. THOMPSON, Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, D. D.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—J. G. STIMSON, Esq., Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Rev. E. P. HOOKER, D. D., Dea. G. M. SYKES, Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS.

Reporters and Receivers the same as last year, except *Windham Conference*, Rev. A. HOLBROOK, and *Windsor Conference*, Rev. H. L. SLACK.

Delegates to the National Council—Rev. C. S. Smith; Substitute, Rev. C. H. Merrill. Rev. Isaac Jennings; Substitute, Rev. Henry Fairbanks. Hon. F. Billings; Substitute, Hon. G. G. Benedict.

Delegates to the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference—Rev. S. L. Bates; Substitute, Rev. E. E. Herrick.

Delegates to the Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. E. P. Wild; Substitute, Rev. W. T. Herrick.

Delegates to the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. C. W. Thompson; Substitute, Rev. N. F. Cobleigh.

The subject of the change in the Constitution was then taken up. Rev. S. I. Briant presented a second substitute for the report of the Committee, which was discussed till adjournment.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened by singing. Rev. G. B. Safford D. D., led in prayer.

The Treasurer, J. C. Emery, Esq., reported the following, which was accepted and approved.

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In account with General Convention of Cong'l Ministers and Churches of Vermont.

DEBIT.

To cash from the several Conferences for the Triennial Council, as per report, June, 1879 ..... $151 61

1880. CREDIT.

April 11. By cash sent Rev. H. M. Dexter, Treasurer... $151 61

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In account with General Convention of Cong'l Ministers and Churches of Vermont.

1880. DEBIT.

May 8. To cash of Chas. U. Cotting, one of the Executors of the will of Mrs. Lydia M. Jewett, of Barton.....$3000 00

" 29. Do. do. 114 00

——— $3114 00

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer, in account with the General Convention of Cong'l Ministers and Churches of Vermont:*

1879.		DEBIT.				
Jan. 12.	To cash	Lamoille Conference.....			$13	25
" "	"	Bennington Conference...			27	75
July 14.	"	Rutland Conference $34	00			
Mar. 17.	"	" "	6	00	40	00
July 23.	"	Caledonia Conference....	42	43		
Sept. 16.	"	" "	13	82	56	25
Oct. 6.	"	Windsor Conference.....			49	00
" "	"	Windham Conference			38	00
1880.						
Jan. 30.	"	Addison Conference.....	14	00		
June 2.	"	" "	24	00	38	00
Feb. 19.	"	First National Bank			200	00
June 2.	"	Washington Conference..			24	00

June	2.	To cash Essex Conference.....	$3 00	
"	8.	" Lamoille Conference.....	11 00	
"	"	" Orleans Conference.....	28 00	
"	"	" Orange Conference.....	46 00	
				$574 25

1879. CREDIT.

		By Bal. due Treasurer June 11, 1879.	$82 65	
June	11.	" Paid Rev. P. S. Pratt.....	5 75	
Nov.	8.	" Paid J. & J. M. Poland, printing..	88 00	
1880.				
Feb.	19.	" Paid J. & J. M. Poland, printing..	214 04	
Mar.	4.	" Paid " "	10 00	
"	"	" Paid J. D. Clark, packing Minutes.	10 67	
"	"	" U. S. & Canada Express.....	6 15	
"	"	" Bal. to new account.....	156 99	
				$574 25

I have this day examined the accounts of J. C. Emery, Treasurer, and find proper vouchers for his disbursements, and a balance of one hundred and fifty-six dollars and ninety-nine cents in his hands.

WM. P. DODGE, *Auditor.*

Chester, June 9, 1880.

The Treasurer also stated that he had received from the estate of Mrs. Lydia M. Jewett, a gift to the Convention, amounting to three thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars, (3114). On motion of Rev. W. S. Hazen, voted that the Treasurer be instructed to pay this bequest from Mrs. Jewett to the "Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers," to be administered by them according to their rules.

The Chairman of the Business Committee made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

"The Business Committee recommend that immediately after the Anniversary of the Vermont Education Society this evening, thirty (30) minutes be accorded to Rev. Dr. William B. Brown of New York, to present the claims of the Congregational Union, of which he is the Secretary, followed in brief addresses by Rev. E. E. Strong of the American Board, Rev. Lewis Grout of the American Missionary Association, Rev. Mr. Bemis of the Vermont Bible Society, and Rev. Mr. Constantine, Missionary in Greece."

The President being obliged to leave the Convention, called the Vice President, Rev. L. H. Elliot, to the Chair. A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring President.

The place of the Scribe being vacated, Rev. J. H. Babbitt was appointed to assume his duties.

The Business Committee recommended the following resolution, which was adopted:

"We recognize as a Convention that the Sabbath School is one of the most vital points in the work of a local church and of a denomination, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend to each local church a renewed devotion to this interest especially in these particulars: earnest effort to secure a more general attendance on the part of the congregation, and of families not identified with any stated worship; in more thorough study of the Scriptures; and in the appropriate fruits of such work—the conversion of souls and the edification of believers.

After singing "I love thy kingdom, Lord," the Convention listened to the report of the Corresponding Secretary, which, after prayer by Rev. I. Jennings, was accepted.

On motion of Rev. L. C. Partridge, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation of the excellent services of Rev. P. S. Pratt as Corresponding Secretary of this Convention for the past five years, by a vote of thanks.

After singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," an essay on the "Relation of the Family to the Church," was read by Rev. E. T. Hooker of Castleton.

Rev. S. W. Dike led in prayer. The matter of amending the basis of representation in the Convention was resumed by Dea. C. F. Thompson.

After remarks by several members of the Convention, the amendment of Mr. Briant was put to vote, and lost.

Another amendment was proposed by Rev. George E. Hall. After discussion it was moved by Rev. C. S. Smith, and voted by the Convention, that the whole matter be referred to a committee of three to report next year.

On the recommendation of the Business Committee, it was voted that the nomination of the Committee to carry out the sixth resolution on divorce, adopted by the General Convention of last year, be referred to the Nominating Committee.

EVENING SESSION.

At seven o'clock the Convention gave way for the annual meeting of the Vermont Education Society.

At seven thirty the Convention session re-opened with singing "My faith looks up to Thee."

The following societies were represented in addresses according to appointment:

American Congregational Union, by Rev. William B. Brown, D. D. Singing, " My Country 'tis of thee."

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, by Rev. E. E. Strong.

Prayer by Rev. G. B. Safford, D. D.

American Missionary Association, by Rev. Lewis Grout.

A part of the " Missionary Hymn " was sung.

Vermont Bible Society, by Rev. J. W. Bemis.

Rev. George Constantine of Greece, was then introduced, and made the closing address.

After notices by the Devotional Committee and the benediction by Rev. A. C. Reed, the meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

A prayer meeting conducted by Rev. E. P. Wild was held at 6 o'clock A. M., and devotional exercises at 8:30 A. M., were led by Rev. G. E. Hall.

At 9 A. M. the Convention met, the Vice President in the chair. After prayer the roll was called, and the record of yesterday's sessions read and approved.

The following Committee was appointed to consider further the proposed change in the Constitution of the Convention, to report next year—Rev. C. S. Smith, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, D. M. Camp, Esq.

Voted to refer the matter of a change in the " Rules of Business and Order" relative to the time allotted to benevolent societies, to the Business Committee.

The Business Committee presented the following, which was carried:

Resolved, 1, That we, the General Convention of the Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, earnestly deprecate any encroachment upon the sanctity of the Sabbath by the running of railway trains upon that day within the State, and respectfully petition our Legislature to secure our protection from the same by all suitable legislation.

Resolved, 2, That we appoint the Hon. Ex. Gov. Fairbanks to present the subject to the Legislature at the next session, in such manner as he shall deem to be best.

The nominating Committee presented the following Committee, which was elected, to carry out the purpose of the sixth resolution of last year on Divorce:

President M. H. Buckham, Rev. C. S. Smith, Rev. S. W. Dike, Hon. J. B. Page, with authority to add a fifth member of their own selection to the Committee.

The Business Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby express to this church and congregation, and to the people of Chester, our sincere thanks for their excellent and generous hospitality on this occasion, and to the railroads of this State for their courteous accommodation in the gift of return tickets.

On motion, it was voted that the whole matter of the printing of the Minutes be referred to the Business Committee.

The Committee on Arrangements for the next meeting presented the following report, which was adopted:

Place—St. Johnsbury.

Preacher—Rev. E. G. Read. Substitute, Rev. C. W. Thompson.

Essay—The relation of the Family to the State, M. H. Buckham, D. D. Substitute, Rev. L. O. Brastow.

Discussion—The Council and the Ministerial Association as safeguards of Doctrinal Purity, Rev. G. B. Safford, D. D., Rev. J. G. Hale. Substitutes, Rev. E. P. Hooker, D. D., Rev. T. M. Boss.

The delegates appointed last year to visit Corresponding Bodies reported.

Rev. E. W. Culver, delegate from the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference, was received, and addressed the Convention. He was responded to by the President.

After prayer by Rev. E. W. Culver, the discussion on the topic, "Do the current views of Evangelical Christians on the subject of Inspiration need reconsideration?" was opened by Revs. J. D. Emerson and W. W. Winchester.

The Business Committee presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

1. The Business Committee recommend that the passage with reference to the exercises of Wednesday evening, in Article 3 of the "Rules of Business and Order," be amended so as to read: "Wednesday evening, addresses by representatives of our co-operative benevolent societies as the Committee of Arrangements shall provide."

2. The Business Committee recommend that Article 4 in "Rules of Business and Order" be amended by inserting after the words "with

substitutes for each," the following: "whose office shall continue through the year, and who shall be empowered to make arrangements for the presentation of benevolent causes."

3. *Resolved*, That having received and used the Minutes and Year Books issued by the National Council, and having failed to pay our proportion to the amount of $247.18, we instruct the Committee on Assessments to add this sum to the amount to be paid the current year.

4. The Business Committee recommend the publishing of two thousand copies of the Minutes for the current year.

5. The Business Committee recommend the Scribe, Assistant Scribe and the retiring Corresponding Secretary as the Committee to print the Minutes.

Voted that the Committee of Arrangements for the meeting next year, already appointed at this meeting, be continued according to the terms of the amended "Rules of Business and Order."

The report of the committee on the resolution presented last year, relative to Systematic Beneficence was given by the Chairman, Rev. J. Boardman. On the recommendation of this committee, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the scriptural method of meeting the claims of God's work upon our property—comprising the two distinct features of paying a definite portion of one's income, and of bringing, in addition, free-will offerings as God has prospered us,—should have in all ordinary cases a binding force upon the conscience, and furnishes to Christians a basis for their contributions to religion and charity, at once satisfactory to the understanding and congenial to the Christian feelings.

2. *Resolved*, That this Convention earnestly recommend to the pastors of the State, that they preach upon Systematic Beneficence, and especially upon the duty and privilege of systematic giving, on some Sabbath of the month of December, preferably on the Sabbath next preceding Forefathers Day. JOSEPH BOARDMAN, C. S. SMITH, A. B. SWIFT, } *Com.*

Voted, that the Chairman of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence be requested to prepare, abbreviate, if he pleases, and have published in the CHRONICLE his excellent report presented by him.

The Committee on Finance reported the following assessments to meet the expenses of the Convention the ensuing year:

Addison Conference	$49 77
Bennington Conference	27 87
Caledonia Conference	51 69
Chittenden Conference	40 14
Essex and Coos Conference	3 72

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	$30 21	
Lamoille Conference	12 93	
Orange Conference	54 27	
Orleans Conference	33 90	
Rutland Conference	58 50	
Washington Conference	28 50	
Windham Conference	44 82	
Windsor Conference	55 02	
		$491 34

J. G. STIMSON,
T. E. BROWNELL,
J. O. FOLLETT. } *Committee.*

This report was approved by the Convention.

The records of to-day's sessions were read and approved, and the Scribe was authorized to complete the Minutes of the Convention.

Voted to adjourn *sine die* after the Communion Service.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. A. Stevens, D. D., and A. B. Lambert, D. D.

JOHN B. PAGE, *President.*

L. H. ELLIOT, *Scribe.*

L. PHELPS, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT

OF THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

By our rule and custom the Convention gives this half hour to the hearing of "a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year" reported. We all hold that religion in its origin and essence is really an individual matter, a personal relation to God. It is the single soul hearing the voice of the one God, infinite and glorious, and under the stimulus of this great idea yielding the life to the divine control, the character and destiny to the influence of divine grace. To tell the actual, present measure and strength of this vital principle in all its spiritual relations and unseen workings is obviously beyond our ability or attempt. There may be a shallower or a deeper depth to the religious feeling of this large community of souls than a year ago; we cannot sound it with lead and line. There may even be more exemplary religious living, or less, visible to some extent near by, but we cannot, from any one standing point, take so comprehensive and discriminating view as to make an exact comparison and give the full measure. The vital statistics of personal piety are not as easily reached by our annual returns as are the important facts sought by the civil census now in progress, which aims to show the physical, educational, and industrial status of each inhabitant of the country. We may intelligently approach our subject, however, through certain significant developments of the religious principle, and its more important agencies and operations. We accept only of acknowledged facts which we collect and summarize from which to form our own estimates and aid the judgments of others.

THE INDIVIDUAL PROFESSORS

of the Christian religion within certain limits are by this process carefully counted, and their number reported for each respective locality

or relation. These furnish valuable data for an estimate of the present state of religion in our commonwealth. Each of these Christian professors has in all seriousness and sincerity publicly declared the converting power of the Divine Spirit upon his own soul, has taken God as his Highest Portion, enlisted for life in the service of Jesus Christ. A large proportion of these professions are of long standing, of more than half a century in many cases. And while some seem forgetful of their early vows, more generally the older one grows the more unwilling to leave the rock of his confidence. And so much of their experience as is remembered with satisfaction, so much of reviewed conduct as is not regretted, all testifies of the value of our holy religion. Nor is the practice of new public professions obsolete; it does not fall into disuse in an age of mental and moral progress. The year 1879 was not, indeed, what is called a year of harvest with us; there were fewer accessions than usual. The number of public consecrations, nevertheless, amounted to four hundred and sixty, while by change of residence or relation, there was a willing renewal of the covenant on the part of two hundred and ninety-seven persons, making in all seven hundred and fifty-seven additions to our churches. And if we look back through the records of the now closing term of five years, there have been reported, in all, six thousand eight hundred and fifty admissions, of which four thousand nine hundred and seventy-four were by profession of faith. This gives an average of nearly one thousand converts annually, and at the rate of about six to each regularly supplied church. A large abatement in net results comes from the constant removals; yet the final aggregate is an increasing one. In 1875, the whole number was eighteen thousand three hundred and forty-five. This number has been more or less increased in succeeding years, and now amounts to twenty thousand and eighty-three. We do not overlook the fact that by reason of the change of the statistical year, the additions and removals of the first four months of 1877 were twice counted. There is an offset to this in that we do not now reckon the results of the last four months of the five years term ending with this Convention. We believe, too, that the later aggregates are made truer and probably smaller from recent careful revisions of the rolls of several of our churches. Of the absent ones, in the proportion of one-sixth of the whole, some may be willing wanderers; others sadly feel their deprivation and in time will gladly avail themselves of the privilege of new church homes. The probable fidelity of the mass of our membership may be inferred from the few cases of exclusion the past year, fifteen in

all, and that no reference is made to cases of apostacy or marked declension.

THE CHURCHES,

which are organized companies of individual believers, in their present number, character and adherence to the original pious objects proposed, give a fair indication of a prosperous state of religion. We find the original objects thus expressed, in part, in the preamble and articles of practice of one of our older churches: "We conceive that a Church of Christ is a number of believers united together in covenant to enjoy the worship and ordinances of God according to his appointment," and these articles are adopted "as agreeable to the precepts of Christ and conducive to the honor and interests of religion in the world, and we engage in the fear of God that we will carefully regulate our conduct thereby." In that church, and in very many sister churches, these divine ordinances and worship have ever since been faithfully maintained and heartily enjoyed, a large company of each successive generation having made conscientious endeavor to regulate their conduct by the precepts of Christ, and thus to promote the honor and interest of religion in the world. Nearly a score of our one hundred and ninety-eight churches were organized a hundred or more years ago. About seventy-five started in the eighteenth century, and a very large number in the earlier years of this century. During the last fifty years there has averaged about one new organization annually. Many convincing demonstrations of the truth and grace of the gospel will doubtless appear in the history of all the surviving churches, and not less of many which for various reasons have become extinct. They will appear in the large number of good and true men and women who have thus entered into covenant and recorded their testimony—sometimes in the wonderful patience, heroism and self-sacrifice with which the few have sustained the standard of the cross while they lived; often in the length of the period the church has stood amid the mutations of society, or in its transforming power upon the moral habits of the community where located, or it may be remembered as the deceased mother of other churches which perpetuate her influence, or as the original fountain of streams of beneficence now flowing here and there in various parts of the land and the earth. Neither the honor of a nation nor the virtue of a church should consist chiefly in its lauded history of the past, yet its firm and happy abiding in the original principles and practice thus embodied constitutes an accumulative proof of its real

excellence. Holding that the church is a divine institution, for the glory of God and upheld by his power, its prolonged existence among so many desolating and destructive forces is a proof that God himself is in the world, that he dwells among the children of men. The book of the records of almost any one of our churches will tell in brief but expressive terms of the great things which God has done, which God is still doing for his people.

THE CONFERENCES,

numbering thirteen, usually adopting the boundaries of the Counties which give each its name, are a happy arrangement for promoting mutual knowledge and sympathy among the local churches in near neighborhood. Their leading object, in one instance at least, is thus expressed: "As sister churches we will meet, by delegation, as often as shall be judged necessary to regulate our union and fellowship, to learn each others' state, to consult together, and to extend mutual assisiance to each other, in promoting the common cause of our Redeemer." Through their reporters, one from each Conference, we obtain our annual statistics, now reasonably complete and satisfactory, and some other material for our view of the state of the churches. As usual we give some statements from, or references to, each, in their alphabetical order:

Addison Conference sends the most revival intelligence, the churches of Bridport, Middlebury, Salisbury and Shoreham having been richly refreshed by the Spirit of grace, and an aggregate of one hundred and one professions made in this county.

Bennington Conference has had all its pulpits regularly filled, and the churches have studied the things which make for peace and edification. The annual meeting two weeks ago was held for the first time at North Pownal, a village behind the hills looking from the Vermont side, and most readily reached by first going out of the State; but we found there a brave little church coming out of serious embarrassments, strengthening their hands and seeking needful aid for an important work on a frequented track of travel and business.

Caledonia Conference gives us figures only, which however show that though the sixth in the number of its churches, it is third in aggregate membership, and decidedly first in amount of pecuniary benefactions.

Chittenden Conference is also deficient in written reports, but we infer an active mind and warm heart for the common welfare, from the appetizing programme of their recent annual meeting. Two days must have been well filled with praise meetings, preaching services and the communion, with reviewed and resolved work for the kingdom, in the home field, among the outcast races, in the woman's department and for the Sabbath-schools, while the opportune subject of Christian fellowship in the churches of the Puritans, among clergy and laity, in its principles and in its methods, doubtless found able and profitable discussion. It were not surprising if under such treatment the Conference system, excellent as it now is, should yet be still more improved.

Essex Conference, which must be quite conscious of its room for enlargement, has happily taken steps in that direction, in the increase of the membership of its churches and of the families of its congregations.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference shows various tokens of the thoughtful love and fidelity of the people of the Lord for Zion. One church has obtained a fine bell, another a beautiful communion service, another has done needful repairs for the meeting-house, another has tried lenten services and deems them useful. One parish rejoices in a temperance hotel and a natural improvement in public morals, and new endowments for its Academy; another is mingling the gospel leaven in the mass with prayer and hope that the fathers as well as the children will soon be brought to Christ. The church of the reporter has undertaken the always salutary process of revising the rolls, and while the dismissed and dead are no longer counted, the living have watch and care and edification in the monthly church meetings, and their Christian work for the young is already rewarded by the turning of some to the Saviour.

Lamoille Conference continues fellowship meetings in all its parishes, with encouraging results. All the congregations save one enjoy the ministrations of the pulpit. The two churches of Hyde Park sustain union services with the Methodists.

Orange Conference, as usual, gives a well-prepared, readable and instructive report, with a comprehensive view of the field as a whole, and particulars of most of the churches. Progress here is not seen in increase of members, but in apparent growth in knowledge, strength and efficiency. Meeting-houses are mostly in good recent repair, pulpits generally supplied, with some changes, congregations

large, new hymn and tune books in three of the churches, temperance an effectual restraint, the churches recognized in the community as a living power. An unusually large proportion of their best men and women have recently passed their earthly limit, and are sadly missed from the church militant, gone to glory.

Orleans Conference gives a good table, showing continued devotion and activity. They have dismissed two pastors, and ordained one man for pastoral work in two churches.

Rutland Conference, which of late years has increased men as a flock, this year shows an exactly equal number of admissions and removals. Of the larger churches almost nothing is said, but we are cheered with words of patience, courage and hope from several of the smaller, including Danby, Hubbardton, Sudbury and West Haven. Two important fields, Brandon and Pittsford, are without pastors.

Washington Conference is well known for its large comparative number of settled pastorates, and for churches able in successive years to recount accumulated mercies and privileges. Perhaps more systematic and effective care is given to the feeble churches than is commonly exemplified.

Windham Conference has but six settled pastors in its twenty-three churches, several of which are greatly reduced and discouraging fields. An increase of permanent pastorates, prolonging wise and faithful culture in pulpit and parish, would strengthen the things which remain and insure a more hopeful prospect for the future. Several of the churches are apparently enjoying real prosperity, even in the measure of extensive revival. Bellows Falls especially has had a rain of righteousness. The admissions to the churches of this county were twice the number of removals.

Windsor Conference, at the foot of the list, has the largest number of churches, and is second only to Rutland in its membership. As to the latter it has lost slightly the past year, but has made apparent advance in other lines of religious progress. Three of the churches have made liberal outlays on the building or repair of the Lord's house. We who are so kindly received here in Chester are glad to see that though the people live in ceiled houses they do not suffer the Lord's house to lie waste. Windsor furnishes a similar proof of public and Christian spirit. Bridgewater, so greatly blessed of late in spiritual things, has brought a noble thank-offering in a new sanctuary to be dedicated to the Lord, and to the religious culture of their

own people. Springfield and Woodstock have each wisely invested several thousands in the work of the Lord, to be expended in foreign and home missionary work. Weston has settled a pastor. Hartland and Norwich are again supplied with ministers after a temporary deprivation. Pomfret is much encouraged. Royalton has installed its minister, introduced a new hymn book, and shows new interest in missions. South Royalton, Sharon and Bethel report acting pastors. Hartford, among its evidences of a healthful life, finds the hearers of the morning sermon quite generally in the Bible School searching if these things be so. West Hartford shows a blank in the ministerial column. Quechee speaks of increased attendance and tokens of promise. Pittsfield, Stockbridge and Plymouth lament their weakness, but are still within reach of the arm of the Almighty. The three churches of Weathersfield and Ascutneyville have now not only a name to live, but are attempting a fuller discharge of the functions of church life. Ludlow speaks of revival beginning with the week of prayer in 1879, and of nine additions by professions of faith. The word is now more studied there and less doubted. Rochester shows seven new professions. Windsor Conference stands second in its amount of the benevolent contributions, raising more than one fifth of all reported from the State. We will look to you more and more not only for the pecuniary gifts which go elsewhere to the needy, but also for multiplying Christian graces, adorning your earthly homes, and increasing your treasures in heaven.

THE ASSOCIATIONS

serve for the ordained ministry like purposes of mutual fellowship, aid and cheer that are insured to the churches by the Conference system. Permanent pastors feel the need of such association and commonly avail themselves of its benefits; unsettled ministers and those without charge require some such anchorage for their ministerial standing and professional culture, while candidates obtain here counsel and official approval for their first introduction to the pulpit. We have fourteen Associations, including one or two whose territory lies in part east of the Connecticut. Their meetings are held three, four or five times in the year. Another class of ministerial gatherings, less formal or permanent, and including preachers of other denominations, are held monthly at some of the principal centers of population. Ministerial fellowship seems to be manifested more by the frequency of associational and other meetings and less by pulpit exchanges than formerly. The lists of the Associations, so far as revised, give the names of one hundred and ninety-four members, in-

cluding eight licentiates. Of this number forty-eight are pastors, seventy-five acting pastors, and fifteen teachers, editors, secretaries, etc., in Vermont, while eighteen are engaged in pastoral, missionary or other service outside the State. Thirty-eight are without charge. The Conference returns of a somewhat earlier date give us one hundred and eighty-two ministers, of whom fifty-four are pastors, eighty-one acting pastors, forty-seven without charge, licentiates not here included. A kind providence has now for two years protected our pulpits from the invasions of death, all who have been thus removed having previously ceased from regular ministerial service. Since our last meeting the following names have been added to the mortuary list, viz: Lyndon S. French of Franklin, Jacob S. Clark of St. Johnsbury, Augustus Chandler of Brattleboro, James C. Houghton of Montpelier, Stillman Morgan of Middlebury, and Franklin Butler of Windsor. Most of them were in advanced life or feeble health, and while waiting for their summons enjoyed the love and honor due for their works' sake in the past, and for the manifestly ripening fruits and graces of true Christian character. Extended notices of our deceased brethren will be prepared for the Minutes.

THE VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES

for the aid and furtherance of certain charities, reforms and missions have had cheerful and more or less liberal co-operation from the members of our churches during the past year. We believe that much good has been accomplished through these philanthropic and Christian enterprises. Of the pecuniary contributions which have been made for the extension of the kingdom of Christ, we can give the following figures: For the Home Missionary work in 1879, $11,266.35; for Foreign Missions, $13,636.35, of which we judge about one-fourth was gathered by the auxiliaries of the Woman's Board; for the American Missionary Association, $3,900.90; for education, $3,608.06; for church building, $1,255.86. Nearly four thousand dollars were given for other objects. The total of benevolent contributions reported is, $37,620.29.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

When our attempted estimate of the present state of religion reaches on to its prospect in the future, we naturally turn to our most prominent agency for the instruction of the children of men in the Holy Scriptures. And we believe that the Sunday-school centenary year finds this agency having still the unabated confidence of the Christian people of Vermont and prosecuted with increasing diligence and zeal. It has a history in this State of about two-thirds of a cen-

tury, Greensboro in Orleans County being claimed as the birth-place of the Vermont Sabbath-schools, one having been opened in that town in 1814, sixty-six years ago. This earliest visible and recorded movement at which "the children came in like an overflowing stream," was the outgushing of a large underlying fountain of wise Christian philanthropy and of the children's readiness to know the Word of God. Similar developments were soon made here and there throughout the State. Within a few years there sprang up in many parishes what were called Sabbath-schools, Sunday-schools, in some cases Bible-schools, and possibly similar arrangements under other names. In 1817 the General Convention recommended the universal establishment of such schools. In the records for 1818 of Rutland Consociation there are reported a dozen or more within its bounds. In some cases there were two or more in each parish, held probably in different school-houses for the convenience of the several neighborhoods, the sessions of which may have been held on Sunday afternoon. Soon however the present practice of a principal central school having its home in the sanctuary had been adopted. Just fifty years ago a young pastor at Weston was obtaining the most marked success of his ministry in the Sabbath-school and in other labors for children and youth. Stillman Morgan himself, converted at the age of six years in a an old log school-house, near the foot of the Green Mountains, had a happy tact for reaching the ears and hearts of children; and in his varied, humble, but successful, work as pastor, colporteur, Bible agent and Sunday-school Missionary, he earned the honorable title of the "Children's Minister." By him many were led to Christ in childhood who have since become prominent followers of Him who said "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Mr. Morgan died at Middlebury during the past month, at the age of eighty years. We have reports of the schools connected with one hundred and eighty-two of our churches. The whole number of members enrolled during the year 1879, is given at twenty-two thousand one hundred and sixty-nine, their average attendance twelve thousand five hundred and thirty-eight. Nearly two-thirds of the whole number have as yet failed to confess the Great Teacher as their personal Saviour. Of the eight thousand who are church members, we estimate that from one-fourth to one-third are teachers. Most of the ministers in charge of our pulpits have a place in the schools, usually as superintendents or teachers, one hundred and twenty being so reported. Over fifty teachers' meetings have been in operation within the past year. One hundred and sixty-eight schools give nine thou-

sand six hundred and twenty-eight members under twenty years of age, which indicates that at least one-half of our membership are adults. This large coming in of the older classes, though not contemplated at the beginning of the movement, is a hopeful feature. It multiplies the number of Bible students and helps retain the children and youth for a prolonged course. The original idea is also so modified that the leading object sought is the instruction of our own congregations in the principles and practices of our holy religion. Still, the aggressive form prominent in the movement one hundred years ago, is not wholly overlooked. In two ways Sunday-school workers may attempt to reach those who have little religion at home, and no place in a sanctuary. They may open mission schools in out districts or irreligious neighborhoods, and there do steady, patient work until the fruit appears. Or by well-devised, earnest effort they may seek to draw the needy classes into all of our home schools, and to keep them there. The former method is often the only way many can be reached; the latter seems more desirable when practicable. It is more in accordance with the liberal policy of our free public schools, which educate all classes together, bringing the poorest and the most alien under the best teachers and methods. And when a child is once made to feel as at home and among friends in a good school or church, a permanent scholar is secured by the force of moral attraction. While, therefore, we lead the lambs of the folded flocks in the green pastures of edification, one hand should be often beckoning the wanderers toward the place of peace and rest through the knowledge of Christ. Only thirteen mission schools are expressly reported, though several others might doubtless have been named, most of which are kept open only during the summer season. Of these, five are in Bridport, which carefully occupy and cultivate the principal sections of that town or parish. These neighborhood schools naturally furnish stations for regular or occasional preachers. In the north part of New Haven a religious service in connection with the school was regularly sustained, valuable work also done by other denominations, and a good spirit manifested. Perhaps no other instrumentality is more likely to be rewarded by the special grace of the Holy Spirit. In one parish of Rutland County it is stated that while there was no special revival interest, yet there was an uncommon interest in study of the weekly lessons, and deep concern manifested by teachers in the spiritual welfare of their pupils. In another parish there was no excitement, but steadily increasing earnestness, centering in the Sunday-school and prayer-meeting. Of similar import are various

incidental allusions to this subject. In Windsor County there is frequent reference to the general prosperity of the schools, the increasing interest, and larger attendance from the congregations. In Orange County in no year has the attendance been more full and regular, never in better working order than now, never more systematic and thorough study of the Bible. In the oldest church in the State, the school and the teachers' meetings show unanimity of feeling, fresh interest and quickening enthusiasm on the part of the people. In Bakersfield the school is slowly but surely improving. This simple statement tells the probable truth of the present character of the majority of the schools of Vermont. After sixty years of general adoption, testing, growth and large fruitage, we feel justified in bringing to this method of gospel teaching and discipline more faith, labor and wise preparation. In expecting the church's enlargement and greater blessings for humanity, we seek in these schools to train the multitudes who are to become the members of our churches and the occupants of our pulpits—in this institution, which has been well characterized as the "greatest theological seminary in Christendom, and capable of indefinite expansion"—and as believed by some to be "the greatest movement since the time of Christ—not even excepting that of Luther."

THE GENERAL CONVENTION

of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont has its designated sphere and charge not merely to review and report, but actively to advance the interests of religion in this State. "The object of the Convention is to promote the harmony, fellowship and efficiency of the churches, and their co-operation in Christian work." We gratefully accept the area and boundaries of our section of the Master's ample vineyard, in this land of hills and valleys so often compared to that trodden by the feet of Jesus. As we come to our annual convocations, held alternately on the east and west sides of this grand old mountain, the back-bone of the State, we rise heavenward and get inspiring views of the handiwork of the Lord of worlds. Our people are largely of the Pilgrim stock, descendants of those who were the first families in seeking the kingdom of God on these shores, and in taking possession of the land in the name of Christ. We have a common and inspiring civil history. Between the Connecticut river and Lake Champlain, in an hour that tried men's souls, a resolute Christian people erected a separate and self-governing commonwealth. While the unnatural alliance of church and state was being dissolved, the new state and new churches sprang up in friendly and

healthful conjunction. The same men were prominent in both. The same class of men who came over this mountain from Dorset to Westminster to complete the organization of the State, a few years later went from Rockingham to Pawlet for successive meetings of a convention formed expressly "to consult union and friendship among ministers, and the general well-being of the churches." We have a notably staunch, free, influential Christian State, richly endowed with citizens qualified for all the offices and duties, public and private, to which they may be called; we have able and incorruptible senators and governors fit for the highest offices of the nation. The position taken by this State for the Sabbath, temperance, the marriage relation and other moral interests, is of vital consequence to us and the whole country; and for these, as in all the work of the gospel, we need to see eye to eye, stand by each other and "stand up for Jesus." In the churches, as in the counties, all the way from Windham to Franklin, and from Caledonia to Bennington, it is suitable that the same motto should gleam from our banners, "Freedom and Unity." Our very atmosphere inspires freedom; still more our own consciousness of the liberty with which Christ makes us free. God's molding, guiding hand in our origin and growth, and his providence, ordering our mutual inheritance, should constrain us to love and unity. With fraternal feeling toward all other Christians in this State, proved often by practical co-operation, and with neighborly relations to those without, we will, each in his own lot and all in harmony, seek to occupy this beautiful and morally productive field, faithful to our common Lord, mindful of our pious ancestry, thoughtful for posterity, praying that this may ever abide a "holy land," that to the latest years these annual conventions shall come together with the inspired song: "Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad because of thy judgments. Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces: that ye may tell it to the generations following. For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death."

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OBITUARY NOTICES.

Rev. FRANKLIN BUTLER, oldest son of Bille Bishop and Sarah (Castle) Butler, was born in Essex, Vt., Oct. 3, 1814. L. C. Butler, M. D., and Stephen G. and A. M. Butler, Esqs., Essex, and Rev. Henry E. Butler, of Keeseville, N. Y., were his brothers. He fitted for college at Jericho, was graduated at the University of Vermont in 1836, in the same class with Bishop Wm. H. A. Bissell, D. D., of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1842. Among his classmates at Andover were Pres. Samuel C. Bartlett, D. D., and Revs. Willard Brigham, Nelson Clark, A. H. Parmelee, T. E. Ranney, H. H. Sanderson, Alfred Stevens, D. D., and Lathrop Taylor, well known as pastors in the State; also Hon. James W. Hickok, of Burlington. He was ordained and installed the eighth pastor of the Congregational Church in Windsor, Jan. 18, 1843, sermon by Rev. John Richards, D. D., of Hanover, N. H., and dismissed Nov. 11, 1858. During his pastorate of nearly sixteen years one hundred and seventy-two members were received to the church, eighty-nine of whom were upon profession of faith. Important repairs and improvements were also twice made in the house of worship, at an aggregate cost of nearly $5,000.

In 1859 he became the New England Agent of the American Colonization Society; was subsequently Editor of the Vermont Chronicle for several years, until the death of its proprietor, Mr. McIndoe, and its transfer to the General Convention; and was then Editor of the Vermont Journal until his death. He was also Chaplain of the Vermont State Prison for several years, and supplied the church in Ascutneyville from its organization in 1869 until 1876. He died at Windsor, May 23, 1880, aged 65 years, 7 months and 20 days.

He was married (1) Jan. 27, 1845, to Mary, only daughter of the late Hon. Carlos Coolidge, of Windsor; she died March 13, 1875: (2) June 1, 1876, to Mrs. Abby, widow of the late L. J. McIndoe, who survives him.

Rev. AUGUSTUS CHANDLER was born in Woodstock, Conn., Dec. 1, 1830, and died at Brattleboro, Vt., March 26, 1880, at the age of 49 years, 3 months and 25 days. His parents were John and Deborah

(Eddy) Chandler, and he was descended in the seventh generation from William Chandler, of Roxbury, Mass., 1630. His father was one of the first settlers of Pomfret, Conn., and a deacon in the Congregational church. Of ten children, nine sons and one daughter, three sons received a collegiate education and entered the ministry, one being the Rev. Joseph Chandler, for more than twenty-five years pastor of the church in West Brattleboro, now of Glencoe, Wis.

Augustus fitted for College at the academies in his native town, and at West Brattleboro; and was graduated at Williams College in 1855. He then taught one year at Westbrook, Conn., after which he entered the Theological Seminary at Andover, and was there graduated in 1859. He was licensed to preach at Hampton, Conn., by the Windham County Association, June 8, 1859, and soon after leaving the Seminary began to preach at Saxton's River, Vt., where he was ordained as an evangelist Sept. 12, 1860, Rev. Willard Child, D. D., of Castleton, preaching the sermon. In April, 1861, he removed to Lempster, N. H., and was acting pastor of the Congregational Church three years. From Lempster he went to Strafford, Vt., and receiving a call to the pastorate of that church, was there installed Dec. 25, 1864, sermon by Rev. Joseph Chandler, of West Brattleboro. Receiving a call to the church in Dummerston, upon the retirement of the Rev. Benj. F. Foster, he was dismissed from Strafford Nov. 13, 1867, and installed at Dummerston Dec. 18 following, Rev. N. Mighill of Brattleboro preaching the sermon. After serving fourteen months in this pastorate his health failed, and he was compelled to discontinue ministerial labor, seeking employment in literary agencies and other miscellaneous directions. He was dismissed Aug. 24, 1870, by the Council which installed his successor. In 1871 he attempted again to preach, occupying two months, April and May, at Dover Center, the former site of a Congregational church, where he found ready access to the people and good encouragement to labor, and six months, June to December, at Marlboro. The following year a church of twenty-four members was organized at Dover by the county missionary, which dated its beginning from Mr. Chandler's brief labors. He resided at Dummerston without charge, excepting as above, until April, 1875, when he purchased the Vermont Record & Farmer, and removed to Brattleboro, becoming its Editor. In this capacity he continued till his death, and was prominently connected with the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry.

He was married Sept. 4, 1860, to Lucy Isabel, daughter of John Lord, Esq., of Norwich, who, with three children, survives him.

Rev. JACOB STARR CLARK, son of Nathaniel and Phebe (Mitchell) Clark, was born in Landaff, N. H., Jan. 10, 1792. He had only a common school education, and learned the clothier's trade before he became of age. Having married, he first established himself in business in Barnet in 1819, and subsequently removed to St. Johnsbury. While yet in his business he became an earnest Christian worker, and a successful leader in social and neighborhood meetings. In February, 1822, he was licensed to preach by the Coos (now Caledonia) Association at Littleton, N. H., and engaged more or less in evangelistic labor. He was an associate and active assistant in the movement which resulted in the organization of the Second (now North) Congregational church in St. Johnsbury in the spring of 1825. At length, giving up his trade to devote himself wholly to his higher calling, in July, 1826, he went to Morgan, a town of less than two hundred inhabitants, where, three years before, a church of eleven members had been gathered through missionary labor. The original number had then been increased to seventeen, and the substantial type of piety of the leading members gave promise of more than ordinary permanency. Mr. Clark preached a few Sabbaths, and in October following received a unanimous call to become the pastor of the church. In November he moved his family to Morgan, and was ordained and installed January 11, 1827, Rev. Thomas Simpson, of Barton, preaching the sermon. There was no meeting-house, and the services were held in an unfinished dwelling-house. Mr. Clark was the first and only pastor of this little church. He received the "ministerial lot," so called, reserved by law for the first settled minister of the town, which, however, required years of improvement to become of value. With a meager pecuniary support, yet with persistency and fidelity he labored actively with this people for nearly forty years, and with his own hands secured a comfortable home. Seasons of revival in 1829, 1830, and again in 1843, with occasional accessions to membership from year to year, were the visible fruits and stimulus of his labor, and served to keep the church alive, notwithstanding its constant depletion by the drain of emigration and death. The results of this pastor's work also extended beyond the limits of his own parish. The church in Morgan contributed largely from its membership to the later organizations in Holland, Charleston, and Island Pond; the latter church virtually taking the place of one formed at East Charleston as a colony or branch of the Morgan church, and the two former receiving, the one upwards of one half its original constituency, and the other one third of its whole membership for the first fifteen years,

from the same source. Mr. Clark also supplied the church in Newport one fourth the time for the first two years after its organization, 1832–34, and preached one fourth the time for several years at East Charleston before and after the formation of a church there in 1841. During the Anti-Masonic excitement early in his ministry, which so rent and troubled many stronger churches, though himself a member of the Masonic order, he wisely withdrew and publicly pledged himself never again to enter the lodge room, or act with the fraternity. He continued to labor until 1864, when on account of age he practically retired, retaining, however, all his old attachments to the church, acting as clerk until 1872, and doing occasional pastoral work as circumstances required. After the death of Rev. Eben H. Dorman of Swanton, in March, 1862, he held the honored place of the oldest pastor in the State. During his active pastorate one hundred persons were received to membership in the church, an average rate per year which, if preserved throughout the State in proportion to population, would add more than three times the average number reported to our churches. Mr. Clark was not a learned, nor an eloquent man, but patient, studious, and wise, and to the influence of his Christian heart and home the town is greatly indebted for its exceptionally high tone of morals, and civil and Christian order.

He was married October 5, 1819, to Miss Sally Merrill, of Lyman, N. H., by whom he had four sons and one daughter. His second and only surviving son was a graduate of the University of Vermont, and became a civil engineer. Mrs. Clark died at Morgan, Nov. 30, 1874, and from that time his home was with a grandson, living first at West Charleston, and afterwards removing to St. Johnsbury. He died of pneumonia at St. Johnsbury Dec. 27, 1879, aged 87 years, 11 months and 17 days.

Rev. Lyndon Smith French was born in Hardwick, Mass., Sept. 17, 1796, and died at Franklin, Vt., July 10, 1879, aged 82 years, 9 months and 23 days. He was son of Samuel and Mary (Ruggles) French, who about the year 1800 removed to Craftsbury, Vt., where he remained upon the farm until twenty years of age. He then learned the cabinet-maker's trade with Dea. Aaron Farnham of Hardwick, Vt., and having married a daughter of Dea. Farnham, worked at his trade seven years in Craftsbury, and three years in Cabot. In 1831, he became hopefully a Christian, and after studying theology in his shop, and under the direction of Rev. Joseph Thacher, then pastor at Plainfield, he was licensed to preach June 17, 1834, by the

Montpelier Association. September 12, 1834, he received a commission for one year from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society to labor with the churches in Warren, Moretown, Duxbury, and Fayston, one fourth the time with each church, and was ordained as an evangelist at Warren, March 11, 1835, sermon by Rev. Samuel Hopkins of Montpelier. He continued in the service of the V. D. M. S. the two following years until September, 1837, residing at Fayston, and preaching one half the time each at Fayston and Moretown, the churches in Duxbury and Moretown having been united. From Oct. 1837 to Aug. 1844, he was acting pastor of the church in Coventry, during which period he received twenty-two persons to membership upon profession of faith. Thence he removed to Franklin, and was installed the first and only pastor of the church in that town May 1, 1845, Rev. Worthington Smith, D. D., of St. Albans, preaching on the occasion. From a faithful and efficient pastorate with this church of nearly sixteen years he was dismissed Jan. 17, 1861. He continued, however, to reside in Franklin until his death, and held the office of postmaster for several years.

His wife was Anna Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Dea. Aaron Farnham of Hardwick, to whom he was married March 21, 1821, and who was born in Killingworth, Conn. They had eight sons and three daughters. Five of his sons and one son-in-law, served honorably in the United States army during the rebellion, one attaining the rank of first-lieutenant and acting major, and another that of captain in the navy.

Rev. James Clay Houghton, son of William and Marilla (Clay) Houghton, was born in Lyndon, Vt., May 13, 1810. He was one of a family of five, born to the energetic and self-reliant experiences of the majority of New England youth, and indebted to the instructions of a very intelligent and pious mother. The brothers, Mr. H. O. Houghton, of the firm Houghton, Osgood & Co., Boston, Mr. Albert G. Houghton, of the firm Hurd & Houghton, now resident at Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Rev. Daniel C. Houghton, D. D., Professor in Genesee College, founder of the Houghton Seminary at Clinton, N. Y., and later editor of the American Presbyterian, Philadelphia, where he died in 1860; and the sister, Mrs. Marilla (Houghton) Gallup, wife of J. C. Gallup, M. D., Principal of the Houghton Seminary, are names which indicate the native ability and Christian devotion characteristic of the family. James spent his early life, from seven to twenty years of age, with his maternal grandfather at Putney, Vt.;

then fitted for college at the Academy at Bradford, where his parents for a few years resided; entered Amherst College in 1833, remaining till the close of the fall term of 1836; then transferred his connection to Dartmouth College, and was there graduated in 1837. He immediately entered the Theological Institute at East Windsor, Conn., and was there graduated in 1840. He was licensed to preach at Windham, Conn., by the Windham Association, Aug. 28, 1839. He was ordained and installed over the Congregational Church in the village of Storrsville, Mass., comprising portions of the towns of Dana, Hardwick, and Petersham, Dec. 22, 1840, Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D., of Monson, preaching the sermon. He was dismissed April 27, 1843, and was then acting pastor two years at Hartland, Conn., and at Granby from June 1845 to April 1847, after which he was called to the church at Middle Haddam, and was there installed in Sept., 1847, sermon by Rev. Edward W. Hooker, D. D., of East Windsor. From this pastorate he was dismissed early in 1857, and in December of the same year was installed over the South Church in New Hartford, Rev. Dr. Clark of Hartford, being the preacher. He was again dismissed in the spring of 1854, and was acting pastor at South Wilbraham, Mass., 1854–56. February 1, 1857, he began labor as acting pastor of the church in Chelsea, Vt., and continued until April 1, 1865. In 1865–66, he supplied the church in Royalton in the illness of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Drake, and in Sept., 1868, began to labor as acting pastor of the church in Middletown, continuing one year. Then on account of an increasing affection of the throat, he abandoned regular ministerial labor, and removed to Burlington, where he resided about eight years, engaged in a Life Insurance agency, and preaching only occasionally. In 1877 he suffered a stroke of partial paralysis, from which he never fully recovered, and soon went to reside with his son at Montpelier. At this place he was attacked a second time with paralysis, and died April 29, 1880, lacking only fourteen days of the age of 70 years.

Mr. Houghton was married Nov. 4, 1840, to Miss Julia Morton, daughter of Elisha Morton, Esq., of East Windsor, Conn., who with two sons and one daughter, survive him.

Rev. Stillman Morgan, son of Timothy and Polly (Emerson) Morgan, was born in Rochester, Vt., Dec. 16, 1800. The father was a native of Springfield, Mass., and the mother, of Croydon, N. H. Both families were of Welsh descent, remarkable for their stability and strength of Christian character, and were two of the first

six families which settled in Rochester in 1784. In 1798 they were more closely connected by intermarriage. At the age of six years Stillman was deeply impressed by a sermon to which he listened in a log school-house at the foot of the Green Mountains, from the text, "I have trodden the wine press alone," and it resulted in his conversion. With very limited advantages, but strong desire for an education, he was at length able to fit himself for college at Royalton Academy and the Orange County Grammar School at Randolph, then under the charge of the Rev. Rufus Nutting. Unable, however, to incur the expense of a collegiate course, he entered the family of the Rev. Walter Chapin of Woodstock, where he lived several years, meantime pursuing the study of theology. He was licensed to preach by the Royalton Association in 1826, and in connection with school-teaching began to exercise his gifts in missionary labor at the county jail, and in the neighboring towns of Reading and Plymouth. In 1827 he began to minister regularly to the Congregational church in Weston, over which, in the latter part of the same year or the beginning of 1828, he was ordained and installed pastor, Rev. U. C. Burnap of Chester preaching the sermon. He was dismissed in 1830, and so successful had been his pastoral work with the children, and in the Sabbath School, that he was employed for a time by the churches of Windsor County as general Sunday School missionary. He was then invited to a similar work in Addison County, but finding so encouraging a state of things in Bristol, he supplied that church one half the time regularly for six months, May to November, 1831, and received thirty-seven persons to membership. He then received a commission from the American Sunday School Union to labor at discretion through the State. After some months thus employed, the arduous nature of the work affected his health, and he was settled again in the pastorate at Corinth, Oct. 4, 1832, Rev. Silas McKeen, of Bradford, preaching the installation sermon. In March, 1838, he was dismissed, and the three following years, under commission from the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, labored with the feeble churches in Orange, Post Mills, Topsham, Vershire, and Washington, his family residing at Topsham, and his time being given chiefly to Topsham and Vershire. Then, after a brief interval, he was again acting pastor at Topsham, 1842–48, followed by brief service of the Vermont Bible Society. He was also colporteur of the American Tract Society one year. From January, 1850, to March, 1854, he was again acting pastor at Bristol, and in 1855 labored a few months as missionary in Lincoln. From this time for

more than twenty years he resided at Bristol without special charge, but known as the "Children's Minister" and Sabbath School missionary at large, performing such service as he chose, and receiving compensation from the voluntary contributions of the children. During his whole ministry his salary never exceeded $400, and was generally less than $300. In 1878, his family having been broken up by death, he removed to Middlebury to spend his last days with his children, and there died May 19, 1880, aged 79 years, 5 months and 3 days.

Mr. Morgan's talents and place were peculiar. In personal tastes, and style of thought and expression, he was simple and quaint, but always fresh and fearless, and often humorous. He had a rare tact in interesting children, and in leading them without the apparent strain of effort to the great truths of religion and responsibility. In this direction therefore appropriately was his life-work, and his ministry had its well-earned fruits. On one occasion, during his brief pastorate at Weston, he casually met the Rev. Daniel O. Morton, of Shoreham, who, in familiar congratulation for his success, addressed him as the "Children's Minister," and by this honorable title, of more value to him than the highest honors of our Literary Institutions, he was thenceforth universally known, and was led at length to adopt it as the signature of all his public reports and correspondence. He always directed his efforts to the single point of the child's conversion, and no less than nine persons, from the out-districts and among the mountains of the State, now in the Christian ministry, are known to trace their conversion to his labors. He was also an earnest advocate of temperance and good order, never holding back the truth for courtesy's sake when the need of it was seen. In one capacity or another, he has been heard to say in his later years, he had gone over every county but one in the State, visiting every town, and also some towns in the borders of New Hampshire and Canada.

His wife was Philena Severance, daughter of Enos Severance of Middlebury, to whom he was married Dec. 12, 1829, and whose death by a brief period preceded his own. Of their children two daughters and the only son survive.

In addition to the foregoing it is fitting that brief mention be made of others, well known as pastors or natives of Vermont, whose names during the Convention year have been added to the roll of the dead.

Rev. CONSTANTINE BLODGETT, D. D.; born at Randolph, Nov. 17, 1802; graduated at Dartmouth College, 1826; ordained Oct. 19, 1831; Corporate member of American Board; died at Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 29, 1879.

Rev. NELSON CLARK; born at Brookfield, Aug. 13, 1813; graduated at Dartmouth College 1838; Andover Theological Seminary 1842; ordained July 16, 1844; pastor at Randolph 1844–46; died at National, Iowa, March 16, 1880.

Rev. JOHN EASTMAN; born at Amherst, Mass., July 19, 1803; partial course at Amherst, and Williams Colleges, and at Andover Theological Seminary; ordained Aug. 13, 1834; pastor at Danville 1857–67; died at Wellesley, Mass., May 19, 1880.

Rev. MOSES GILL GROSVENOR; born at Paxton, Mass., Sept. 23, 1796; graduated at Dartmouth College, 1822; Andover Theological Seminary 1825; ordained Dec. 27, 1826; acting pastor at Guilford 1853–54, Clarendon 1857–61, and Guilford again 1863–64; died at Worcester, Mass., July 24, 1879.

Rev. SHERMAN HALL; born at Weathersfield, April 30, 1800; graduated at Dartmouth College 1828; Andover Theological Seminary 1831; ordained June 7, 1831; Missionary to Ojibway Indians, and acting pastor at Sauk Rapids, Minn; died at Sauk Rapids Sept. 1, 1879.

Rev. EVERETT BEMAN HURLBUT; son of Rev. Salmon Hurlbut, second pastor of church in Rochester; born at Rochester, Oct. 9, 1830; graduated at Knox College 1852; Union Theological Seminary 1856; ordained Nov. 1, 1858; died at Omaha, Neb., Sept. 24, 1879.

Rev. SILAS KETCHUM; born at Barre, Dec. 4, 1835; graduated at Bangor Theological Seminary 1863; ordained Sept. 17, 1867; acting pastor at Wardsboro, Dec. 1863 to Sept. 1865; editor Vermont Record, and Vt. School Journal 1865–66; died at Dorchester, Mass., April 24, 1880.

Rev. HARMON LOOMIS, D. D.; born at Georgia, Oct. 26, 1805; graduated at University of Vermont 1832; two years at Andover Theological Seminary; ordained Aug. 31, 1836; successively Chap-

lain, Agent, and Secretary of American Seamen's Friend Society; died at Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1880.

Rev. ABEL MANNING; born at Sterling, Mass., March 14, 1788; graduated at Brown University 1817; Theology with Dr. Emmons; ordained Nov. 7, 1820; first and only pastor of church in Plymouth 1820–24; acting pastor at Ludlow 1841–42; died at Goffstown, N. H., Dec. 20, 1879.

Rev. CHARLES CARROLL PARKER, D. D.; born at Underhill, Sept. 26, 1814; graduated at University of Vermont, 1841; teacher at Burlington; two years at Union Theological Seminary; ordained Oct. 4, 1848; pastor at Tinmouth 1848–53; Waterbury 1854–67; died at Parsippany, N. J., Feb. 15, 1880.

Rev. ELIJAH WHITON PLUMB, D. D.; born at Halifax, July 28, 1798; graduated at Middlebury College, 1824; ordained May 18, 1831; pastor at Pawlet 1831–45; died at East Bloomfield, N. Y., July 12, 1879.

Rev. GUY CARLTON SAMPSON; born at Fairfax, Sept. 22, 1804; ordained Feb. 18, 1834; pastor at Middletown 1834–35; temperance lecturer; acting pastor at Richmond 1844–47; disavowed the faith, and became a Universalist; died at Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28, 1879.

Rev. FRANCIS PETER SMITH; born at Gilmanton, N. H., Aug. 22, 1795; graduated at Dartmouth College 1816; ordained Sept. 12, 1838; pastor at Guildhall 1837–44; died at Ossipee, N. H., Nov. 21, 1879.

Rev. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS SMITH; born at Rutland, Sept. 1, 1834; graduated at Marietta College 1853; Union Theological Seminary 1859; ordained May 14, 1861; died at Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 20, 1879.

Rev. REED WILKINSON; born at Townshend, Dec. 8, 1804; graduated at Amherst College 1830; Andover Theological Seminary 1836; ordained Nov. 10, 1842; died at South Londonderry Aug. 24, 1879.

Rev. LORING STEARNS WILLIAMS; born at Pownal, June 28, 1796; ordained March 27, 1829; Missionary to Cherokees and Choctaws, also City Missionary at St. Louis, Mo., and Chaplain at Alton Penitentiary; died at Glenwood, Iowa, Aug. 22, 1879.

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ORDAINED.

1879.	Dec.	10.	Collins G. Burnham	South Troy.

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1879.	July	9.	George E. Martin	Brattleboro.
	Sept.	10.	Joseph R. Flint	Weston.
1880.	May	26.	Royal D. Metcalf	South Wardsboro.

INSTALLED.

1880.	Feb.	18.	Nathan F. Carter	Quechee.
	April	21.	Samuel W. Dike	Royalton.

DISMISSED.

1879.	Aug.	19.	Russell T. Hall	Pittsford.
	Dec.	8.	Alden Ladd	Roxbury.
	Dec.	30.	William A. Bushee	Brookfield 2d.
	Dec.	31.	Gardner S. Butler	North Troy.
1880.	Mar.	31.	Darius N. Goodrich	Windham.
	April	6.	Nathan R. Nichols	Barnet.
	April	19.	Sedgwick P. Wilder	Brandon.

DECEASED.

1879.	July	10.	Lyndon S. French	Franklin.
	Dec.	27.	Jacob S. Clark	St. Johnsbury.
1880.	Mar.	26.	Augustus Chandler	Brattleboro.
	April	29.	James C. Houghton	Montpelier.
	May	23.	Franklin Butler	Windsor.
	May	19.	Stillman Morgan	Middlebury.

A TABULAR STATEMENT

OF THE TIMES AND PLACES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT, WITH LISTS OF OFFICERS AND PREACHERS.

TIMES.		PLACES.	MODERATORS.	SCRIBES.	PREACHERS.	TEXT.
1796	June 21	Rockingham,	Rev. Job Swift, D. D.,	Rev. Martin Tullar,	Rev. Martin Tullar.	
1797	June 20	Pawlet,	" Joseph Bowman,	" Gershom C. Lyman,	" Gershom C. Lyman.	
1798	June 19	Barnard,	" William Hall,	" Martin Tullar,	" Lemuel Haynes.	
1799	June 18	Grafton,	" Eleazer Fairbanks,	" Nathaniel Lambert,	" Elijah Lyman.	
1800	June 17	Dorset,	" Job Swift, D. D.,	" Jesse Edson,	" Stephen Fuller.	
1801	Sept. 1	Westminster,	" Asa Burton, D. D.,	" Martin Tullar,	" Nathaniel Hall.	
1802	Sept. 7	Granville, N. Y.,	" Job Swift, D. D.,	" John Fitch,	" John Fitch.	
1803	Sept. 6	Thetford,	" William Hall,	" Elijah Lyman,	" William Hall.	
1804	Sept. 4	Royalton,	" Gershom C. Lyman,	" John B. Preston,	" J. B. Preston.	
1805	Sept. 3	Pittsford,	" William Hall,	" J. W. Woodward,	" Tilton Eastman,	
1806	Sept. 2	Brattleboro,	" Asa Burton, D. D.,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D,,		
1807	Sept. 1	Middlebury,	" William Hall,	" Jedediah Bushnell,	" John Fitch.	
1808	Sept. 6	Windsor,	" Gershom C. Lyman,	" Nathaniel Hall,		
1809	Sept. 5	Rutland,	" Stephen Fuller,	" Leonard Worcester,	" Stephen Fuller.	
1810	Sept. 4	Brookfield,	" Asa Burton, D. D.,	" Leonard Worcester,	" Holland Weeks.	
1811	Sept. 10	Vergennes,	" Asa Burton, D. D.,	" Holland Weeks,	" Chester Wright.	
1812	Sept. 8	Westminster,	" Gershom C. Lyman,	" John Fitch,	" Micah Stone.	
1813	Sept. 14	Pawlet,	" Lemuel Haynes,	" John Fitch,	" Timothy Field.	
1814	Sept. 13	Woodstock,	" Dan Kent,	" John Hough.	" John Keep.	
1815	Sept. 10	Benson,	" John Griswold,	" Rufus Cushman,	" Jacob Allen.	
1816	Sept. 10	Montpelier,	" Asa Burton, D. D.,	" Chester Wright,	" Elihu Smith.	
1817	Sept. 9	Middlebury,	" Asa Burton, D. D.,	" John Hough,	" Amariah Chandler.	
1818	Sept. 8	Peacham,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	" Walter Chapin,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D.	
1819	Sept. 14	Burlington,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	" Ralph Robinson,	" Leonard Worcester.	
1820	Sept. 12	Westminster West,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	" Elihu Smith,	" Ezra Fisk.	
1821	Sept. 11	Poultney,	" John Griswold,	" Rufus W. Bailey,	" Thomas H. Wood.	
1822	Sept. 10	South Norwich,	" Elijah Lyman,	" Charles Y. Chase,	" Dan Kent.	
1823	Sept. 9	Ludlow,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	" Calvin Yale,	" Asa Burton, D. D.	
1824	Sept. 14	Charlotte,	" Joshua Bates, D. D.,	" Jonathan McGee,	" Mason Knapen.	
1825	Sept. 13	Chelsea,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	" Charles Walker,	" Daniel O. Morton.	

1826	Sept. 12	Castleton,	"	John Hough,	"	Joseph Torrey,	"	Silas McKeen.
1827	Sept. 11	Montpelier,	"	T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	"	Henry Hunter,	"	Reuben Smith.
1828	Sept. 9	Burlington,	"	T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	"	Joseph Tracy,	"	Hosea Beckley.
1829	Sept. 8	Woodstock,	"	T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	"	Willard Child,	"	Willard Child.
1830	Sept. 14	Rutland,	"	Joshua Bates, D. D.,	"	Joseph Tracy,	"	F. E. Cannon.
1831	Sept. 13	Windsor,	"	T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	"	Samuel Delano,	"	James Anderson.
1832	Sept. 11	Middlebury,	"	Calvin Yale,	"	Joseph Tracy,	"	A. C. Washburn.
1833	Sept. 10	Royalton,	"	Daniel O. Morton,	"	John K. Converse,	"	James Patterson.
1834	Sept. 9	Brandon,	"	Simeon Parmelee,	"	Daniel O. Morton,	"	Edward W. Hooker.
1835	Sept. 8	Newbury,	"	J. Wheeler, D. D.,	"	Joseph Steele,	"	J. Wheeler, D. D.
1836	Sept. 13	Castleton,	"	Charles Walker,	"	Lucius L. Tilden,	"	James Buckham.
1837	Sept. 12	Springfield,	"	Willard Child,	"	Harvey F. Leavitt,	"	C. Blodgett.
1838	Sept. 11	Vergennes,	"	Austin Hazen,	"	John K. Converse,	"	Milton Badger.
1839	Aug. 27	Montpelier,	"	Joshua Bates, D. D.	"	Joseph Steele,	"	William Mitchell.
1840	Sept. 8	Burlington,	"	James Buckham,	"	John H. Worcester,	"	W. Wright.
1841	Sept. 14	Woodstock,	"	J. Wheeler, D. D.,	"	Amos Foster,	"	Otto S. Hoyt.
1842	Sept. 13	Manchester,	"	R. C. Hand,	"	C. B. Drake,	"	R. C. Hand.
1843	June 20	Chester,	"	B. Labaree, D. D.,	"	Dana Lamb,	"	B. Labaree, D. D.
1844	June 18	Rutland,	"	Charles Walker,	"	R. C. Hand,	"	C. B. Drake.
1845	June 17	Danville,	"	Joseph Steele,	"	Aldace Walker,	"	J. Steele.
1846	June 16	Middlebury,	"	Silas McKeen,	"	John Gridley,	"	John F. Stone.
1847	June 15	Springfield,	"	H. F. Leavitt,	"	S. G. Coe,	"	Samuel H. Riddell.
1848	June 20	Brandon,	"	W. Smith, D. D.,	"	M. B. Bradford,	"	M. B. Bradford.
1849	June 19	St. Johnsbury,	"	B. Labaree, D. D.,	"	J. H. Woodward,	"	Cephas H. Kent.
1850	June 18	Burlington,	"	Amos Foster,	"	Azariah Hyde,	"	Rufus Case.
1851	June 17	Bradford,	"	James Anderson,	"	A. G. Pease,	"	Stephen Thurston.
1852	June 15	Castleton,	"	C. B. Drake,	"	Pliny H. White,	"	W. W. Thayer.
1853	June 21	Windsor,	"	Silas Aiken, D. D.,	"	Wm. B. Bond,	"	Silas Aiken, D. D.
1854	June 20	St. Albans,	"	Moses B. Bradford,	"	F. B. Wheeler,	"	Willard Brigham.
1855	June 19	Brattleboro,	"	Cephas H. Kent,	"	F. W. Olmsted,	"	J. DeF. Richards.
1856	June 17	Waterbury,	"	J. Clement, D. D.,	"	R. S. Cushman,	"	J. Clement, D. D.
1857	June 16	Bennington,	"	Willard Child, D. D.,	"	Franklin Butler,	"	Geo. N. Boardman,	Luke xi. 13.
1858	June 15	St. Johnsbury,	"	John Wheeler, D. D.,	"	John D. Kingsbury,	"	Wm. H. Lord, D. D..	1 Corinthians ix. 16.
1859	June 21	Vergennes,	"	Samuel R. Hall, L.L. D.,	"	Spencer Marsh,	"	Clark E. Ferrin,	2 Corinthians x. 4.
1860	June 19	Montpelier,	"	Harvey F. Leavitt,	"	Ezra H. Byington,	"	George W. Ranalow,	Ephesians iv. 13.
1861	June 18	Rutland,	"	Wm. H. Lord, D. D.,	"	J. Eames Rankin,	"	Jas. Dougherty, D. D.	Matthew xiii. 52.
1862	June 17	Norwich,	"	Clark E. Ferrin,	"	John G. Hale,	"	John Eastman,	Isaiah xxxii. 1.
1863	June 16	Middlebury,	"	Charles C. Parker,	"	Calvin B. Hulbert,	"	Pliny H. White,	Deuteronomy xxxii. 7.
1864	June 21	Woodstock,	"	B. Labaree, D. D.,	"	Austin Hazen,	"	William Sewall,	Jeremiah xii. 5.
1865	June 20	Burlington,	"	Silas Aiken, D. D.,	"	Lewis Francis,	"	Joseph Chandler,	1 Corinthians i. 10.
1866	June 19	Newbury,	"	George P. Tyler, D. D.,	"	Azel W. Wild,	"	Lewis O. Brastow,	Acts i. 8.

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TIMES.		PLACES.	MODERATORS.	SCRIBES.	PREACHERS.	TEXT.
1867	June 18	St. Albans,	Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D. D.,	Rev. Francis J. Fairbanks,	Rev. Ezra H. Byington,	John xx. 21.
1868	June 16	St. Johnsbury,	" Alfred Stevens,	" Wm. A. Robinson,	" H. D. Kitchel, D. D.,	Psalms cvii. 7.
1869	June 15	Brandon,	" Rufus S. Cushman,	" Milton L. Severance,	" M. H. Buckham,	2 Corinthians iii. 12.
1870	June 21	Montpelier,	" E. H. Byington,	" Geo. F. Wright,	" I. Jennings,	Psalms xxv. 14.
1871	June 20	Springfield,	" Aldace Walker, D. D.,	" J. C. Houghton,	" Aldace Walker, D. D.,	Zechariah xiii. 7, 8, 9.
1872	June 18	Brattleboro,	" Aldace Walker, D. D..	" P. B. Fisk,	" L. H. Cobb,	Matthew xxvi. 8.
1873	June 17	Middlebury,	" L. H. Cobb,	" E. P. Wild,	" J. H. Worcester, D.D.,	Matthew v. 17.
			PRESIDENTS.			
1874	June 16	Northfield,	" M. H. Buckham, V. P.	" J. H. Babbitt,	" W. H. Lord, D. D.,	Acts i. 8.
1875	June 15	Bennington,	" Henry Fairbanks,	" C. H. Merrill,	" E. P. Hooker,	Mark xii. 37.
1876	June 20	Barton,	Dea. C. F. Thompson,	" W. W. Winchester,	" J. G. Hale,	Psalms xlviii. 12, 13.
1877	June 19	Bradford,	D. M. Camp, Esq., V. P.,	" A. B. Emmons,	" G. B. Safford,	1 Corinthians xii. 11.
1878	June 11	Rutland,	D. M. Camp, Esq.,	" L. C. Partridge,	" G. L. Walker, D. D.,	Matthew xiii. 52.
1879	June 10	Burlington,	Rev. Geo. B. Safford, D. D.,	" Wm. S. Hazen,	" E. T. Fairbanks,	Ps. xcii. 5; cxxxix. 17.
1880	June 9	Chester,	Hon. John B. Page,	" L. H. Elliot,	" J. G. Johnson, D. D.,	Philippians iii. 10.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1879.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. KNOWLTON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregtion.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Addison,	1801	.....	.....	....	....	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridport,	1790	W.W.Winchester,	P.	1854	1866	64	114	178	52	9	2	11	2	1	0	3	4	2	252	150	140	$88 00	$133 50	$18 00	.....	.....	$26 00	$265 50
Bristol,	1805	.....	.....	....	....	14	21	35	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Cornwall,	1785	J. C. Houghton,	A. P.	1868	1879	55	113	168	30	7	3	10	6	2	0	8	3	0	214	140	78	567 33	90 45	57 68	.....	.....	20 00	735 46
Ferrisburgh,	1824	C. S. Murkland,	Sup.	....	1878	24	33	57	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	68	50	30	19 10	6 76	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 86
Middlebury,	1790	E. P. Hooker,	P.	1861	1870	166	281	447	84	43	18	61	8	3	0	11	21	16	288	315	184	178 07	209 27	49 62	$15 71	$30 01	26 91	509 59
New Haven,	1797	S. Knowlton,	P.	1865	1872	110	188	298	44	3	0	3	5	3	0	8	2	1	190	240	130	129 84	224 33	35 50	21 07	13 13	.....	423 87
Orwell,	1789	M. L. Severance,	P.	1864	1869	74	108	182	32	3	0	3	3	4	1	8	3	1	258	150	112	60 86	175 00	15 44	6 00	.....	.....	257 30
Ripton,	1828	James A. Devine,	A. P.	1854	1880	27	33	60	18	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	2	60	50	30	25 00	26 00	21 60	.....	26 00	.....	98 60
Salisbury,	1804	.....	.....	....	....	36	56	92	0	26	2	28	2	1	0	3	17	0	139	120	100	8 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 75
Shoreham,	1784	W. N. Bacon,	P.	1859	1864	32	89	121	10	7	3	10	3	0	0	3	3	0	80	150	50	21 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00	108 00
Vergennes,	1793	Geo. E. Hall,	P.	1875	1877	88	168	256	34	0	1	1	3	4	0	7	0	1	149	200	79	30 00	85 00	20 00	.....	.....	62 00	197 00
Weybridge,	1794	H. P. James,	Sup.	....	1876	31	54	85	12	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	0	2	100	80	29	28 55	.....	22 67	.....	.....	.....	51 22
Whiting,	1799	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	9	12	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	60	20	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Total, 14.		6 P. 2 A. P. 2 S.				725	1268	1993	334	101	29	130	38	23	1	62	54	27	1848	1665	982	$1167 50	$1030 31	$240 51	$42 78	$69 14	$146 91	$2697 15

Without Charge—Eben Smith, Middlebury; Cephas H. Kent, New Haven.

Deceased—Stillman Morgan, Middlebury, May 19, 1880.

Licentiates—Prof. Solon Albee, Prof. Ezra Brainard, Prof. D. McGregor Means, Middlebury; H. P. James, Weybridge.

Meeting of Conference—Third Tuesday in December. *Register*—S. Knowlton.

2. BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. L. C. PARTRIDGE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dismiss.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Average Congregtion.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Arlington, E.	1843	J. C. McCollom,	A. P.	1869	1873	8	38	46	2	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	65	80	50	$11 50	.....	.....	....	.....	$4 50	$16 00
Bennington 1st	1762	I. Jennings,	P.	1843	1853	62	118	180	49	8	0	8	2	0	0	2	3	3	140	....	....	142 00	$284 00	.....	.....	.....	56 00	482 00
" 2nd	1836	E. G. Read,	P.	1865	1875	67	192	259	40	2	8	10	8	1	0	9	0	2	350	250	130	137 95	218 51	$95 08	$4 80	$74 93	104 96	636 23
" No.	1868	L. C. Partridge,	A. P.	1869	1875	24	37	61	16	1	0	1	0	10	0	10	1	1	117	111	63	.....	27 70	16 00	.....	.....	34 51	78 21
Dorset,	1784	P. S. Pratt,	P.	1847	1856	31	85	116	12	2	3	5	2	7	0	9	2	2	133	150	100	32 75	62 95	15 00	.....	.....	.....	110 70
" E.	1867	J. L. Harrington,	A. P.	1876	1879	11	19	30	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	86	100	....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	28 00
Manchester,	1784	A. C. Reed,	P.	1864	1878	82	139	221	20	0	10	10	7	6	0	13	0	1	236	201	120	412 33	262 77	74 51	22 28	23 56	27 56	823 01
Peru,	1807	S. L. Vincent,	A. P.	1878	1879	36	42	78	24	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	2	130	100	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pownal No.	1851	B. B. Scott,	A. P.	1877	1879	13	19	32	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	50	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rupert,	1786	A. B. Lambert,	A. P.	1837	1874	21	46	67	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	100	50	.....	45 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	75 00
Sandgate,	1782	.....	.....	....	....	8	7	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	50	31	.....	1 11	.....	.....	.....	2 00	3 11
Total, 11.		4 P. 6 A. P.				363	742	1105	176	17	22	39	23	28	0	51	7	11	1462	1192	628	$736 53	$922 04	$200 59	$27 08	$98 49	$267 53	$2252 26

Without Charge—James Anderson, Joseph D. Wickham, D. D., James Fletcher, Manchester; Charles Redfield, Troy, N. Y.

Licentiate—Henry H. Shaw, Northfield.

Meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday in May. *Register*—P. S. Pratt.

3. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dismiss.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Average Congreg'tion.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Barnet,	1858	.....	.....	....	....	37	67	104	10	1	1	2	2	3	0	5	0	7	160	135	66	$41 65	$78 00	$29 92	$4 25	$3 65	$11 32	$168 79
McIndoes,	1829	N. F. Cobleigh,	A. P.	1871	1877	16	63	79	24	0	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	0	110	110	100	10 00	41 00	17 00	.....	.....	7 50	75 50
Burke, East,	1807	.....	.....	....	....	21	36	57	15	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	1	40	50	21	10 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	38 00
Cabot,	1801	B. S. Adams.	P.	1871	1871	47	79	126	28	3	2	5	2	0	0	2	3	0	160	135	90	7 90	20 00	.....	.....	.....	13 88	41 78
Danville.	1792	C. W. Thompson,	P.	1869	1869	42	85	127	12	3	2	5	1	1	1	3	1	0	125	143	90	22 61	68 35	40 00	7 00	.....	15 00	152 96
Hardwick,	1803	C. E. Gordon,	P.	1876	1878	55	100	155	30	3	0	3	2	3	0	5	1	0	140	122	70	20 00	29 00	65 37	.....	.....	23 42	137 79
Kirby.	1877	R. D. Osgood,	A. P.	1871	1879	16	12	28	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	40	15	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 50
Lyndon,	1817	R. D. Osgood,	A. P.	1871	1879	25	70	95	25	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	123	72	33 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	39 78
Lyndonville,	1870	W. P. Bennett,	A. P.	1870	1875	29	63	92	29	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	184	100	100	25 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	17 12	53 12
Peacham,	1794	A. W. Wild.	P.	1864	1873	54	140	194	25	1	1	2	4	8	0	12	1	0	208	196	100	55 11	56 10	22 09	10 21	.....	73 59	217 10
St. Johnsb' 1st,	1809	J. Hammond,	A. P.	1871	1878	28	62	90	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	90	45	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	19 00
" No.	1825	H. W. Jones,	P.	1866	1875	144	264	408	93	3	8	11	4	7	0	11	2	7	376	292	162	1282 07	1378 12	440 30	32 20	73 30	194 90	3400 89
" E.	1840	F. B. Phelps,	P.	1870	1879	41	79	120	28	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	1	150	130	80	54 00	40 40	.....	.....	.....	6 47	100 87
" So.	1851	E. T. Fairbanks,	P.	1868	1874	153	233	386	69	4	6	10	8	14	0	22	2	9	369	344	175	864 98	2063 15	38 17	2106 30	273 36	139 57	5485 53
Waterford,	1798	C. F. Morse,	A. P.	1856	1878	60	78	138	40	0	7	7	4	1	0	5	0	2	90	110	65	21 00	15 62	12 19	.....	.....	25 66	73 87
Total, 15.		7 P. 5 A. P.				768	1431	2199	476	20	33	53	34	49	3	86	11	28	2167	2120	1251	$2469 60	$3808 14	$665 04	$2159 96	$350 31	$558 43	$10011 48

Without Charge—Henry Fairbanks, Homer T. Fuller, William W. Thayer, Matthew A. Gates, St. Johnsbury.

Installed—F. B. Phelps, East St. Johnsbury, May 29, 1879.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—C. W. Thompson.

A TABULAR STATEMENT

OF THE TIMES AND PLACES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT, WITH LISTS OF OFFICERS AND PREACHERS.

TIMES.		PLACES.	MODERATORS.	SCRIBES.	PREACHERS.	TEXT.
1796	June 21	Rockingham,	Rev. Job Swift, D. D.,	Rev. Martin Tullar,	Rev. Martin Tullar.	
1797	June 20	Pawlet,	" Joseph Bowman,	" Gershom C. Lyman,	" Gershom C. Lyman.	
1798	June 19	Barnard,	" William Hall,	" Martin Tullar,	" Lemuel Haynes.	
1799	June 18	Grafton,	" Eleazer Fairbanks,	" Nathaniel Lambert,	" Elijah Lyman.	
1800	June 17	Dorset,	" Job Swift, D. D.,	" Jesse Edson,	" Stephen Fuller.	
1801	Sept. 1	Westminster,	" Asa Burton, D. D.,	" Martin Tullar,	" Nathaniel Hall.	
1802	Sept. 7	Granville, N. Y.,	" Job Swift, D. D.,	" John Fitch,	" John Fitch.	
1803	Sept. 6	Thetford,	" William Hall,	" Elijah Lyman,	" William Hall.	
1804	Sept. 4	Royalton,	" Gershom C. Lyman,	" John B. Preston,	" J. B. Preston.	
1805	Sept. 3	Pittsford,	" William Hall,	" J. W. Woodward,	" Tilton Eastman,	
1806	Sept. 2	Brattleboro,	" Asa Burton, D. D.,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D,,		
1807	Sept. 1	Middlebury,	" William Hall,	" Jedediah Bushnell,	" John Fitch.	
1808	Sept. 6	Windsor,	" Gershom C. Lyman,	" Nathaniel Hall,		
1809	Sept. 5	Rutland,	" Stephen Fuller,	" Leonard Worcester,	" Stephen Fuller.	
1810	Sept. 4	Brookfield,	" Asa Burton, D. D.,	" Leonard Worcester,	" Holland Weeks.	
1811	Sept. 10	Vergennes,	" Asa Burton, D. D.,	" Holland Weeks,	" Chester Wright.	
1812	Sept. 8	Westminster,	" Gershom C. Lyman,	" John Fitch,	" Micah Stone.	
1813	Sept. 14	Pawlet,	" Lemuel Haynes,	" John Fitch,	" Timothy Field.	
1814	Sept. 13	Woodstock,	" Dan Kent,	" John Hough.	" John Keep.	
1815	Sept. 10	Benson,	" John Griswold,	" Rufus Cushman,	" Jacob Allen.	
1816	Sept. 10	Montpelier,	" Asa Burton, D. D.,	" Chester Wright,	" Elihu Smith.	
1817	Sept. 9	Middlebury,	" Asa Burton, D. D.,	" John Hough,	" Amariah Chandler.	
1818	Sept. 8	Peacham,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	" Walter Chapin,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D.	
1819	Sept. 14	Burlington,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	" Ralph Robinson,	" Leonard Worcester.	
1820	Sept. 12	Westminster West,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	" Elihu Smith,	" Ezra Fisk.	
1821	Sept. 11	Poultney,	" John Griswold,	" Rufus W. Bailey,	" Thomas H. Wood.	
1822	Sept. 10	South Norwich,	" Elijah Lyman,	" Charles Y. Chase,	" Dan Kent.	
1823	Sept. 9	Ludlow,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	" Calvin Yale,	" Asa Burton, D. D.	
1824	Sept. 14	Charlotte,	" Joshua Bates, D. D.,	" Jonathan McGee,	" Mason Knapen.	
1825	Sept. 13	Chelsea,	" T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	" Charles Walker,	" Daniel O. Morton.	

1826	Sept. 12	Castleton,	"	John Hough,	"	Joseph Torrey,	"	Silas McKeen.
1827	Sept. 11	Montpelier,	"	T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	"	Henry Hunter,	"	Reuben Smith.
1828	Sept. 9	Burlington,	"	T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	"	Joseph Tracy,	"	Hosea Beckley.
1829	Sept. 8	Woodstock,	"	T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	"	Willard Child,	"	Willard Child.
1830	Sept. 14	Rutland,	"	Joshua Bates, D. D.,	"	Joseph Tracy,	"	F. E. Cannon.
1831	Sept. 13	Windsor,	"	T. A. Merrill, D. D.,	"	Samuel Delano,	"	James Anderson.
1832	Sept. 11	Middlebury,	"	Calvin Yale,	"	Joseph Tracy,	"	A. C. Washburn.
1833	Sept. 10	Royalton,	"	Daniel O. Morton,	"	John K. Converse,	"	James Patterson.
1834	Sept. 9	Brandon,	"	Simeon Parmelee,	"	Daniel O. Morton,	"	Edward W. Hooker.
1835	Sept. 8	Newbury,	"	J. Wheeler, D. D.,	"	Joseph Steele,	"	J. Wheeler, D. D.
1836	Sept. 13	Castleton,	"	Charles Walker,	"	Lucius L. Tilden,	"	James Buckham.
1837	Sept. 12	Springfield,	"	Willard Child,	"	Harvey F. Leavitt,	"	C. Blodgett.
1838	Sept. 11	Vergennes,	"	Austin Hazen,	"	John K. Converse,	"	Milton Badger.
1839	Aug. 27	Montpelier,	"	Joshua Bates, D. D.	"	Joseph Steele,	"	William Mitchell.
1840	Sept. 8	Burlington,	"	James Buckham,	"	John H. Worcester,	"	W. Wright.
1841	Sept. 14	Woodstock,	"	J. Wheeler, D. D.,	"	Amos Foster,	"	Otto S. Hoyt.
1842	Sept. 13	Manchester,	"	R. C. Hand,	"	C. B. Drake,	"	R. C. Hand.
1843	June 20	Chester,	"	B. Labaree, D. D.,	"	Dana Lamb,	"	B. Labaree, D. D.
1844	June 18	Rutland,	"	Charles Walker,	"	R. C. Hand,	"	C. B. Drake.
1845	June 17	Danville,	"	Joseph Steele,	"	Aldace Walker,	"	J. Steele,
1846	June 16	Middlebury,	"	Silas McKeen,	"	John Gridley,	"	John F. Stone.
1847	June 15	Springfield,	"	H. F. Leavitt,	"	S. G. Coe,	"	Samuel H. Riddell.
1848	June 20	Brandon,	"	W. Smith, D. D.,	"	M. B. Bradford,	"	M. B. Bradford.
1849	June 19	St. Johnsbury,	"	B. Labaree, D. D.,	"	J. H. Woodward,	"	Cephas H. Kent.
1850	June 18	Burlington,	"	Amos Foster,	"	Azariah Hyde,	"	Rufus Case.
1851	June 17	Bradford,	"	James Anderson,	"	A. G. Pease,	"	Stephen Thurston.
1852	June 15	Castleton,	"	C. B. Drake,	"	Pliny H. White,	"	W. W. Thayer.
1853	June 21	Windsor,	"	Silas Aiken, D. D.,	"	Wm. B. Bond,	"	Silas Aiken, D. D.
1854	June 20	St. Albans,	"	Moses B. Bradford,	"	F. B. Wheeler,	"	Willard Brigham.
1855	June 19	Brattleboro,	"	Cephas H. Kent,	"	F. W. Olmsted,	"	J. DeF. Richards.
1856	June 17	Waterbury,	"	J. Clement, D. D.,	"	R. S. Cushman,	"	J. Clement, D. D.
1857	June 16	Bennington,	"	Willard Child, D. D.,	"	Franklin Butler,	"	Geo. N. Boardman, Luke xi. 13.
1858	June 15	St. Johnsbury,	"	John Wheeler, D. D.,	"	John D. Kingsbury,	"	Wm. H. Lord, D. D.. 1 Corinthians ix. 16.
1859	June 21	Vergennes,	"	Samuel R. Hall, L.L. D.,	"	Spencer Marsh,	"	Clark E. Ferrin, 2 Corinthians x. 4.
1860	June 19	Montpelier,	"	Harvey F. Leavitt,	"	Ezra H. Byington,	"	George W. Ranslow, Ephesians iv. 13.
1861	June 18	Rutland,	"	Wm. H. Lord, D. D.,	"	J. Eames Rankin,	"	Jas. Dougherty, D. D. Matthew xiii. 52.
1862	June 17	Norwich,	"	Clark E. Ferrin,	"	John G. Hale,	"	John Eastman, Isaiah xxxii. 1.
1863	June 16	Middlebury,	"	Charles C. Parker,	"	Calvin B. Hulbert,	"	Pliny H. White, Deuteronomy xxxii. 7.
1864	June 21	Woodstock,	"	B. Labaree, D. D.,	"	Austin Hazen,	"	William Sewall, Jeremiah xii. 5.
1865	June 20	Burlington,	"	Silas Aiken, D. D.,	"	Lewis Francis,	"	Joseph Chandler, 1 Corinthians i. 10.
1866	June 19	Newbury,	"	George P. Tyler, D. D.,	"	Azel W. Wild,	"	Lewis O. Brastow, Acts i. 8.

TABULAR STATEMENT—Concluded.

TIMES.		PLACES.	MODERATORS.	SCRIBES.	PREACHERS.	TEXT.
1867	June 18	St. Albans,	Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D. D.,	Rev. Francis J. Fairbanks,	Rev. Ezra H. Byington,	John xx. 21.
1868	June 16	St. Johnsbury,	" Alfred Stevens,	" Wm. A. Robinson,	" H. D. Kitchel, D. D.,	Psalms cvii. 7.
1869	June 15	Brandon,	" Rufus S. Cushman,	" Milton L. Severance,	" M. H. Buckham,	2 Corinthians iii. 12.
1870	June 21	Montpelier,	" E. H. Byington,	" Geo. F. Wright,	" I. Jennings,	Psalms xxv. 14.
1871	June 20	Springfield,	" Aldace Walker, D. D.,	" J. C. Houghton,	" Aldace Walker, D. D.,	Zechariah xiii. 7, 8, 9.
1872	June 18	Brattleboro,	" Aldace Walker, D. D..	" P. B. Fisk,	" L. H. Cobb,	Matthew xxvi. 8.
1873	June 17	Middlebury,	" L. H. Cobb,	" E. P. Wild,	" J. H. Worcester, D.D.,	Matthew v. 17.
			PRESIDENTS.			
1874	June 16	Northfield,	" M. H. Buckham, V. P.	" J. H. Babbitt,	" W. H. Lord, D. D.,	Acts i. 8.
1875	June 15	Bennington,	" Henry Fairbanks,	" C. H. Merrill,	" E. P. Hooker,	Mark xii. 37.
1876	June 20	Barton,	Dea. C. F. Thompson,	" W. W. Winchester,	" J. G. Hale,	Psalms xlviii. 12, 13.
1877	June 19	Bradford,	D. M. Camp, Esq., V. P.,	" A. B. Emmons,	" G. B. Safford,	1 Corinthians xii. 11.
1878	June 11	Rutland,	D. M. Camp, Esq.,	" L. C. Partridge,	" G. L. Walker, D. D.,	Matthew xiii. 52.
1879	June 10	Burlington,	Rev. Geo. B. Safford, D. D.,	" Wm. S. Hazen,	" E. T. Fairbanks,	Ps. xcii. 5; cxxxix. 17.
1880	June 9	Chester,	Hon. John B. Page,	" L. H. Elliot,	" J. G. Johnson, D. D.,	Philippians iii. 10.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. KNOWLTON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Addison,	1801	.....	.....	....	....	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridport,	1790	W.W.Winchester,	P.	1854	1866	64	114	178	52	9	2	11	2	1	0	3	4	2	252	150	140	$88 00	$133 50	$18 00	.....	.....	$26 00	$265 50
Bristol,	1805	.....	.....	....	....	14	21	35	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Cornwall,	1785	J. C. Houghton,	A. P.	1868	1879	55	113	168	30	7	3	10	6	2	0	8	3	0	214	140	78	567 33	90 45	57 68	.....	.....	20 00	735 46
Ferrisburgh,	1824	C. S. Murkland,	Sup.	....	1878	24	34	57	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	68	50	30	19 10	6 76	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 86
Middlebury,	1790	E. P. Hooker,	P.	1861	1870	166	281	447	84	43	18	61	8	3	0	11	21	16	288	315	184	178 07	209 27	49 62	$15 71	$30 01	26 91	509 59
New Haven,	1797	S. Knowlton,	P.	1865	1872	110	188	298	44	3	0	3	5	3	0	8	2	1	190	200	130	129 84	224 33	35 50	21 07	13 13	.....	423 87
Orwell,	1789	M. L. Severance,	P.	1864	1869	74	108	182	32	3	0	3	3	4	1	8	3	1	258	150	112	60 86	175 00	15 44	6 00	.....	.....	257 30
Ripton,	1828	James A. Devine,	A. P.	1854	1880	27	33	60	18	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	2	60	50	30	25 00	26 00	21 60	.....	26 00	.....	98 60
Salisbury,	1804	.....	.....	....	....	36	56	92	0	26	2	28	2	1	0	3	17	0	139	120	100	8 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 75
Shoreham,	1784	W. N. Bacon,	P.	1859	1864	32	89	121	10	7	3	10	3	0	0	3	3	0	80	150	50	21 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00	108 00
Vergennes,	1793	Geo. E. Hall,	P.	1875	1877	88	168	256	34	0	1	1	3	4	0	7	0	1	149	200	79	30 00	85 00	20 00	.....	.....	62 00	197 00
Weybridge,	1794	H. P. James,	Sup.	....	1876	31	54	85	12	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	0	2	100	80	29	28 55	.....	22 67	.....	.....	.....	51 22
Whiting,	1799	.....	.....	....	....	3	9	12	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	60	20	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Total, 14.		6 P. 2 A. P. 2 S.				725	1268	1993	344	101	29	130	38	23	1	62	54	27	1848	1665	982	$1167 50	$1030 31	$240 51	$42 78	$69 14	$146 91	$2697 15

Without Charge—Eben Smith, Middlebury; Cephas H. Kent, New Haven.

Deceased—Stillman Morgan, Middlebury, May 19, 1880.

Licentiates—Prof. Solon Albee, Prof. Ezra Brainard, Prof. D. McGregor Means, Middlebury; H. P. James, Weybridge.

Meeting of Conference—Third Tuesday in December. *Register*—S. Knowlton.

2. BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. L. C. PARTRIDGE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismiss.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Arlington, E.	1843	J. C. McCollom,	A. P.	1869	1873	8	38	46	2	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	65	80	50	$11 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	$4 50	$16 00
Bennington 1st	1762	I. Jennings,	P.	1843	1853	62	118	180	49	8	0	8	2	0	0	2	3	3	140	....	....	142 00	$284 00	.....	.....	.....	56 00	482 00
" 2nd	1836	E. G. Read,	P.	1865	1875	67	192	259	40	2	8	10	8	1	0	9	0	2	350	250	130	137 95	218 51	$95 08	$4 80	$74 93	104 96	636 23
" No.	1868	L. C. Partridge,	A. P.	1869	1875	24	37	61	16	1	0	1	0	10	0	10	1	1	117	111	63	.....	27 70	16 00	.....	.....	34 51	78 21
Dorset,	1784	P. S. Pratt,	P.	1847	1856	31	85	116	12	2	3	5	2	7	0	9	2	2	133	150	100	32 75	62 95	15 00	.....	.....	.....	110 70
" E.	1867	J. L. Harrington,	A. P.	1876	1879	11	19	30	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	86	100	....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	28 00
Manchester,	1784	A. C. Reed,	P.	1863	1878	82	139	221	20	0	10	10	7	6	0	13	0	1	236	201	120	412 33	262 77	74 51	22 28	23 56	27 56	823 01
Peru,	1807	S. L. Vincent,	A. P.	1878	1879	36	42	78	24	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	2	130	100	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pownal No.	1851	B. B. Scott,	A. P.	1877	1879	13	19	32	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	50	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rupert,	1786	A. B. Lambert,	A. P.	1837	1874	21	46	67	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	100	50	.....	45 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	75 00
Sandgate,	1782	.....	.....	....	....	8	7	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	50	31	.....	1 11	.....	.....	.....	2 00	3 11
Total, 11.		4 P. 6 A. P.				363	742	1105	176	17	22	39	23	28	0	51	7	11	1462	1192	628	$736 53	$922 04	$200 59	$27 08	$98 49	$267 53	$2252 26

Without Charge—James Anderson, Joseph D. Wickham, D. D., James Fletcher, Manchester; Charles Redfield, Troy, N. Y.

Licentiate—Henry H. Shaw, Northfield.

Meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday in May. *Register*—P. S. Pratt.

3. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congreg'tion.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismiss.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Barnet,	1858	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	67	104	10	1	1	2	2	3	0	5	0	7	100	135	66	$41 65	$78 00	$29 92	$4 25	$3 65	$11 32	$168 79
McIndoes,	1829	N. F. Cobleigh,	A. P.	1871	1877	16	63	79	24	0	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	0	110	110	100	10 00	41 00	17 00	.....	.....	7 50	75 50
Burke, East,	1807	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	36	57	15	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	1	40	50	21	10 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	38 00
Cabot,	1801	B. S. Adams.	P.	1871	1871	47	79	126	28	3	2	5	2	0	0	2	3	0	160	135	90	7 90	20 00	.....	.....	.....	13 88	41 78
Danville.	1792	C. W. Thompson,	P.	1869	1869	42	85	127	12	3	2	5	1	1	1	3	1	0	125	143	90	22 61	68 35	40 00	7 00	.....	15 00	152 96
Hardwick,	1803	C. E. Gordon,	P.	1876	1878	55	100	155	30	3	0	3	2	3	0	5	1	0	140	122	70	20 00	29 00	65 37	.....	.....	23 42	137 79
Kirby,	1877	R. D. Osgood,	A. P.	1871	1879	16	12	28	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	40	15	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 50
Lyndon,	1817	R. D. Osgood,	A. P.	1871	1879	25	70	95	25	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	123	72	33 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	39 78
Lyndonville,	1870	W. P. Bennett,	A. P.	1870	1875	29	63	92	29	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	184	100	100	25 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	17 12	53 12
Peacham,	1794	A. W. Wild.	P.	1864	1873	54	140	194	25	1	1	2	4	8	0	12	1	0	208	196	100	55 11	56 10	22 09	10 21	.....	73 59	217 10
St. Johnsb' 1st,	1809	J. Hammond,	A. P.	1871	1878	28	62	90	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	90	45	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	19 00
" No.	1825	H. W. Jones,	P.	1866	1875	144	264	408	93	3	8	11	4	7	0	11	2	7	376	292	162	1282 07	1378 12	440 30	32 20	73 30	194 90	3400 89
" E.	1840	F. B. Phelps,	P.	1870	1879	41	79	120	28	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	1	150	130	80	54 00	40 40	.....	.....	.....	6 47	100 87
" So.	1851	E. T. Fairbanks,	P.	1868	1874	153	233	386	69	4	6	10	8	14	0	22	2	9	369	344	175	864 98	2063 15	38 17	2106 30	273 36	139 57	5485 53
Waterford,	1798	C. F. Morse,	A. P.	1856	1878	60	78	138	40	0	7	7	4	1	0	5	0	2	90	110	65	21 00	15 62	12 19	.....	.....	25 66	73 87
Total. 15.		7 P. 5 A. P.				768	1431	2199	476	20	33	53	34	49	3	86	11	28	2167	2120	1251	$2469 60	$3808 14	$665 04	$2159 96	$350 31	$558 43	$10011 48

Without Charge—Henry Fairbanks, Homer T. Fuller, William W. Thayer, Matthew A. Gates, St. Johnsbury.

Installed—F. B. Phelps, East St. Johnsbury, May 29, 1879.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—C. W. Thompson.

4. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by REV. A. HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congreg'on.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Burlington 1st,	1805	L. O. Brastow,	P.	1861	1873	133	261	394	75	11	6	17	7	7	0	14	7	3	286	375	175	$703 27	$499 45	$94 00	.....	.....	$212 00	$1508 72
" 3d,	1860	G. B. Safford.	P.	1858	1860	51	120	171	22	4	5	9	8	9	0	13	2	2	120	250	75	286 00	139 30	13 47	.....	13 22	61 83	523 82
Charlotte,	1792	H. B. Putnam,	A. P.	1868	1879	45	64	109	27	8	2	10	2	3	0	5	7	0	80	150	50	.....	.....	41 50	.....	.....	27 00	68 50
Colchester,	1804	A. S. Barton,	A. P.	1862	1877	8	50	58	16	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	10	0	70	61	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 62	14 62
" Winooski,	1836	E. Hungerford,	A. P.	1871	1880	12	43	55	15	5	0	5	6	0	0	6	0	0	80	105	55	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 84	25 34
Essex,	1791	John Cowan,	A. P.	1875	1875	27	60	87	22	2	4	6	0	3	0	3	1	0	100	75	31	.....	3 50	4 50	.....	.....	30 11	38 11
" Junction,	1869	John Cowan,	A. P.	1875	1876	19	40	59	15	6	6	12	1	4	0	5	4	1	236	135	45	9 00	.....	10 75	.....	.....	.....	19 75
Hinesburgh,	1789	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	89	124	55	18	0	18	5	0	0	5	12	4	109	140	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	14 00
Jericho 1st,	1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	1860	1864	28	56	84	13	1	3	4	3	1	0	4	1	0	220	139	75	37 00	53 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00	102 00
" 2d,	1826	J. D. Emerson,	A. P.	1858	1878	16	37	53	7	4	1	5	0	1	0	1	4	0	133	100	35	8 72	57 07	18 75	.....	5 58	15 73	105 85
Milton,	1804	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1869	25	57	82	4	13	4	17	0	0	0	0	8	0	150	91	50	.....	19 00	18 05	.....	.....	40 83	77 88
" West,	1853	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1870	12	14	26	0	7	0	7	2	0	0	2	5	0	30	40	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richmond,	1801	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	1860	1875	13	28	41	11	1	5	6	0	2	0	2	1	0	100	73	50	25 00	34 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	69 00
South Hero,	1795	O. G. Wheeler,	P.	1840	1840	27	74	101	15	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	...	150	60	.....	62 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	62 00
Underhill,	1801	J. D. Emerson,	A. P.	1858	1876	36	56	92	20	3	4	7	3	3	0	6	2	0	122	149	40	.....	25 00	9 10	.....	.....	14 20	48 30
Westford,	1801	G. P. Byington,	A. P.	1868	1869	26	71	97	18	1	1	2	4	6	0	10	1	0	200	135	75	.....	31 00	.....	.....	.....	19 00	50 00
Williston,	1800	F. W. Olmsted.	A. P.	1848	1877	23	40	63	20	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	45	50	32	22 00	42 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	64 50
Total, 17		3 P., 9 A. P.,				536	1160	1696	355	82	48	130	41	42	0	83	58	11	2085	2209	948	$1107 49	$965 82	$210 12		$18 80	$490 16	$2792 39

Without Charge—James Buckham, J. K. Converse, J. E. Goodrich, J. H. Worcester, D. D., H. [A. P. Torrey, H. P. Hickok, A. J. Willard, M. D., Burlington; J. C. Wilder, Charlotte; C. M. Seaton, Essex Junction.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—G. B. Safford.

5. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. DUREN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregtn.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Granby & Vic.	1825	Charles Duren,	A. P.	1841	1874	13	21	34	5	1	0	1	3	3	0	6	0	1	67	40	57	$13 73	$25 84	$7 67	.....	.....	$7 75	$54 99
Guildhall,	1799	S. W. Chapin,	A. P.	1878	1880	19	45	64	29	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	76	35	19 38	33 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 38
Lunenburgh,	1802	Geo. W. Harris,	A. P.	1842	1878	21	45	66	15	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	80	127	40	8 00	4 74	.....	.....	.....	30 00	42 74
Total, 3.		2 A. P.				53	111	164	40	10	5	15	3	3	0	6	3	1	222	237	132	$41 11	$63 58	$7 67	.....	.....	$37 75	$150 11

Without Charge—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—C. E. Sumner, Lancaster, N. H.

6. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. A. B. SWIFT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congreg'on.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Alburgh,	1824	R. Hicks,	A. P.	1867	1877	23	67	90	29	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	100	100	55	$5 00	$8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$13 00
Bakersfield,	1811	J. K. Fuller,	A. P.	1876	1877	38	78	116	30	6	2	8	4	1	0	5	3	0	80	122	50	6 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	$68 71	84 71
Berkshire, E.,	1820	E. W. Hatch,	P.	1866	1866	33	44	77	5	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	7	100	60	32	5 22	7 25	$6 75	.....	.....	.....	19 22
Enosburgh,	1811	A. B. Swift,	A. P.	1855	1861	58	82	140	40	1	0	1	1	3	1	5	0	3	140	75	40	6 50	86 00	18 56	$11 00	.....	11 63	133 69
Fairfield,	1800	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	13	22	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Franklin,	1817	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	16	31	47	8	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	51	45	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia,	1793	C. W. Clark,	A. P.	1861	1879	22	48	70	29	3	1	4	0	4	0	4	2	0	70	70	26	24 70	58 92	13 84	.....	.....	4 54	102 00
Highgate,	1811	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1878	18	37	55	17	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	67	0	.....	.....	2 07	.....	.....	1 62	3 69
Montgomery,	1817	E. W. Hatch,	A. P.	1866	1866	15	23	38	11	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	46	17	3 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Sheldon,	1816	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	19	33	52	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	76	60	36	.....	.....	9 03	3 00	.....	5 36	17 39
St. Albans,	1803	C. Van Norden,	P.	1866	1873	136	204	340	25	11	2	13	3	13	0	16	4	5	233	350	185	500 00	245 78	67 96	18 26	.....	325 00	1157 00
Swanton,	1801	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1877	60	112	172	28	2	5	7	2	2	0	4	0	3	131	128	85	110 52	13 25	18 95	8 00	.....	19 25	169 97
Total, 12.		2 P., 7 A. P.				447	772	1219	240	30	11	41	16	26	1	43	12	19	1118	1123	544	$660 94	$441 20	$137 16	$40 26		$436 11	$1715 67

Without Charge—C. B. Cady, Alburgh Spa.

Deceased—Lyndon S. French, Franklin, July 10, 1879.

Meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in June. *Register*—R. Hicks.

7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. G. HALE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Let:er.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Cambridge,	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	A. P.	1856	1876	23	44	67	5	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	80	130	48	.....	$74 00	$195 00	.....	.....	$65 60	$334 60
Hyde Park,	1863	.....	.....	....	....	4	17	21	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" North,	1858	.....	.....	....	....	10	13	23	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	75	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnson,	1817	A. A. Smith,	A. P.	1864	1879	33	67	100	21	8	2	10	1	6	0	7	4	3	127	121	54	$13 00	45 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	68 00
Morrisville,	1807	W. A. Bushee,	A. P.	1869	1880	50	75	125	22	1	2	3	0	3	0	3	1	1	100	125	80	.....	32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 00
Stowe,	1818	J. G. Hale,	A. P.	1852	1877	22	58	80	17	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	1	133	102	54	46 48	105 34	46 80	.....	.....	.....	198 62
Waterville,	1823	.....	.....	....	....	9	20	29	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	125	100	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wolcott,	1818	C. J. Richardson..	A. P.	1878	1880	15	29	44	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	60	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 8.		5 A. P.				166	323	489	90	10	5	15	10	12	0	22	6	5	775	713	306	$59 48	256 34	251 80	.....	.....	65 60	633 22

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Register—E. Wheelock.

8. ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. Bates.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Bradford,	1810	Allen Clark,	A. P.	1868	1880	31	117	148	17	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	0	242	160	140	$101 60	$91 07	$35 71	$12 23	.....	$71 32	$311 93
Braintree,	1794	Augustus Alvord,	A. P.	1865	1879	20	34	54	23	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	30	30	13	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 50
" E.	1871	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	17	44	61	19	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	80	85	60	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	7 00
Brookfield, 1st,	1785	Geo. B. Tolman,	A. P.	1862	1871	33	60	93	4	0	0	0	4	7	0	11	0	0	128	95	55	16 52	36 60	15 00	.....	.....	10 00	78 12
" 2nd,	1848	J. P. Demeritt,	A. P.	1870	1880	57	89	146	16	6	11	17	2	1	0	3	0	6	148	120	72	28 50	38 10	16 00	.....	.....	28 47	111 07
Chelsea,	1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	1864	1870	71	121	192	26	3	2	5	1	2	2	5	0	0	170	170	202	55 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....	45 00	160 00
Corinth,	1820	F. A. Crane,	S.	1853	1880	66	116	172	23	4	2	6	3	2	0	5	3	4	131	150	100	17 04	30 66	7 62	.....	.....	6 52	61 85
Fairlee,	1833	J. T. Closson,	A. P.	1871	1878	13	27	40	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	70	40	3 50	15 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50	21 00
Newbury,	1764	S. L. Bates,	P.	1864	1871	45	133	178	30	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	4	185	230	125	129 35	279 57	58 53	5 00	.....	137 77	610 22
" Wells R.	1842	E. J. Ranslow,	A. P.	1869	1875	60	131	191	33	0	0	0	3	11	0	14	0	4	303	240	200	250 00	25 71	282 25	9 12	.. ....	.....	567 08
" West,	1867	A. B. Lyon,	A. P.	1858	1875	18	29	47	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	90	75	60	25 36	21 09	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 45
Orange,	1876	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	20	34	54	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	50	38	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Randolph,	1786	W. S. Blaisdell,	A. P.	1868	1876	39	61	100	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	125	123	38	9 00	8 00	7 00	4 00	.....	31 00	59 00
" West,	1831	V. M. Hardy,	P.	1872	1878	56	90	146	40	4	4	8	5	2	0	7	3	0	176	133	90	15 16	39 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	54 36
Strafford,	1820	Henry Cummings,	P.	1851	1874	19	37	56	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	80	63	45	39 25	50 00	15 00	.....	.....	20 00	124 25
Thetford,	1783	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	53	102	155	29	0	0	0	3	6	0	9	0	0	85	100	51	91 76	72 68	28 54	4 50	.....	38 50	235 98
" Post M.	1839	Jas. Caldwell, D.D.	A. P.	1831	1877	23	47	70	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	80	50	.....	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00
" North,	1878	J. T. Closson,	A. P.	1871	1878	11	25	36	1	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	2	7	80	110	45	14 80	11 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 95
Tunbridge,	1792	G. W. Osgood,	P.	1878	1877	18	26	44	10	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	45	33	8 73	5 09	2 20	4 56	.....	3 57	24 15
Vershire,	1787	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	13	31	44	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	10 00	24 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 50
West Fairlee,	1809	Wm. Schofield,	A. P.	1874	1879	29	39	68	16	4	5	9	2	1	0	3	4	0	80	82	29	30 00	.....	13 00	.....	.....	8 00	51 00
Williamstown,	1795	....	.....	....	....	34	64	98	8	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	115	85	60	12 60	.....	13 85	.....	.....	.....	26 45
Total, 22		5 P. 10 A. P. 1 S.				736	1457	2193	384	24	31	55	38	46	2	86	12	28	2626	2296	1546	$868 67	$878 42	$494 71	$39 41	.....	$404 65	$2685 86

Without Charge—Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Isaac Hosford, North Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire.

Installed—V. M. Hardy, West Randolph, March 13, 1879.

Dismissed—W. A. Bushee, Brookfield, Dec. 30, 1879.

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9. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Albany,	1818	S. W. Chapin,	A. P.	1878	1877	19	32	51	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	75	80	40	$5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$5 00
Barton,	1817	Lawrence Phelps,	P.	1878	1878	22	73	95	....	0	1	1	4	1	1	6	0	....	144	180	100	18 00	$125 00	.....	.....	.....	$5 00	148 00
Brighton,	1841	—— Bond,	S.	L.	1880	5	11	16	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	60	60	25	12 55	.....	$12 00	.....	.....	10 00	34 55
Browning'n, Barton L'd'g	1809	J. A. Bates,	A. P.	1860	1879	43	73	116	11	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	....	170	180	103	.....	10 00	8 50	.....	.....	50	19 00
Charleston,	1844	W. T. Herrick,	A. P.	1851	1872	34	53	87	18	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	148	90	50	51 25	113 15	20 00	$9 00	$7 00	19 05	219 45
Coventry,	1810	W. C. Somerville,	A. P.	1851	1873	26	62	88	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	125	56	.....	12 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 33
Craftsbury,	1797	Joseph Boardman,	A. P.	1861	1875	38	75	113	28	0	0	0	6	1	0	7	0	2	125	85	52	43 43	89 01	20 00	7 32	.....	16 21	175 97
Derby,	1807	G. S. Butler,	A. P.	1877	1880	33	63	96	13	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	156	116	85	7 35	78 05	5 00	2 50	.....	9 03	101 93
Glover,	1817	C. B. Thomas,	P.	1862	1876	34	73	107	18	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	75	110	90	.....	17 20	.....	.....	6 50	2 25	25 95
Greensboro,	1804	Moses Patten,	P.	1860	1876	22	69	91	13	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	120	88	61	34 66	54 25	20 00	.....	.....	20 06	128 97
Holland,	1842	John Frazer,	A. P.	1852	1879	12	20	32	6	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	50	25	5 25	7 00	.....	.....	.....	21 15	33 40
Irasburgh,	1818	William Carr,	A. P.	L.	1879	26	43	69	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	155	105	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lowell,	1816	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	50	85	23	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	....	88	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morgan,	1823	W. T. Herrick,	A. P.	1851	1875	5	16	21	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	87	75	22	12 50	7 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	24 50
Newport,	1831	E. P. Wild,	P.	1865	1874	50	85	135	16	1	4	5	1	1	0	2	1	2	185	147	92	72 98	96 38	6 00	10 00	.....	37 00	222 36
Troy,	1845	C. G. Burnham,	A. P.	1879	1879	2	10	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	45	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" North,	1818	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	51	86	25	2	1	3	0	2	2	4	2	0	125	100	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westfield,	1818	C. G. Burnham,	A. P.	1879	1879	23	35	58	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	75	....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 18		4 P., 9 A. P., 1 S.				464	894	1358	228	11	12	23	25	6	3	34	7	6	1783	1724	1005	$262 97	$609 37	$91 50	$28 82	$13 50	$145 25	$1151 41

Without Charge—Robert V. Hall, Newport; Jabez T. Howard, West Charleston; George Stone, North Troy.

Ordained—Collins G. Burnham, Troy and Westfield, Dec. 10, 1879.

Dismissed—F. B. Phelps, Lowell, April 9, 1879; G. S. Butler, North Troy, Dec. 31, 1879.

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CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'tms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Benson,	1790	George G. Lyon,	A. P.	1858	1879	57	97	154	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	130	50	$15 00	$80 00	$5 00	$1 50	.....	$10 00	$111 50
Brandon,	1785	Walter Rice,	A. P.	1865	1880	72	154	226	54	3	2	5	6	7	0	13	1	1	201	134	0	91 85	92 09	40 03	5 75	$7 32	.....	237 04
Castleton,	1784	Edw. T. Hooker,	P.	1868	1875	45	124	169	31	0	4	4	3	1	0	4	0	0	132	100	70	53 12	17 50	16 10	3 50	.....	33 71	123 93
Clarendon,	1822	Geo. H. Morse,	P.	1864	1876	23	46	69	9	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	80	84	20 00	125 00	100 00	10 39	5 00	27 39	287 78
Danby,	1869	Lucian D. Mears,	A. P.	1871	1876	6	19	25	11	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	74	39	25	10 96	3 00	1 22	.....	.....	.....	15 18
Fair Haven,	1803	R. C. Flagg,	A. P.	1872	1880	27	70	97	15	2	2	4	4	3	0	7	1	0	130	104	....	.....	.....	32 74	.....	12 75	52 45	97 94
" Welsh,	1857	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hubbardton,	1782	John C. Edgar,	A. P	1875	1879	18	37	55	12	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	120	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middletown,	1780	Osborn Myrick,	A. P.	1846	1896	37	51	88	18	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	120	100	75	13 50	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 50
Pawlet,	1781	N. S. Moore,	A. P.	1868	1880	15	86	101	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	80	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pittsford,	1784	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	74	161	235	29	15	4	19	3	10	0	13	9	0	194	190	128	40 00	108 00	45 50	.....	.....	5 50	199 00
Poultney,	1780	Calvin Granger,	A. P.	1834	1873	27	49	76	28	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60	22	2 14	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 14
Rutland,	1788	J. G. Johnson,	P.	1866	1870	287	373	610	99	5	14	19	4	2	0	6	0	1	450	450	381	472 10	689 94	128 90	.....	.....	.....	1290 94
" West,	1775	J. K. Williams,	A. P.	1866	1872	96	176	272	23	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	1	4	200	185	130	127 44	73 25	11 34	.....	.....	25 00	237 03
Sudbury,	1791	E. F. Abbott,	A. P.	1846	1878	8	12	20	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	94	104	55	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00
Wallingford,	1792	Chas. N. Brainard,	A. P.	1876	1880	45	104	149	24	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	115	....	75	33 50	102 00	32 75	.....	.....	10 98	179 23
West Haven,	1817	G. G. Lyon,	S.	1858	1875	5	10	15	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	45	30	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 17		3 P., 11 A. P.				792	1569	2361	411	31	31	62	30	32	0	62	14	6	2227	1906	1158	$895 61	$1322 78	$413 58	$21 14	$25 07	$165 03	$2843 21

Without Charge—Ulrie Maynard, L. H. Stone, William Denison, Castleton; Amasa Stewart, Pittsford; William P. Aiken, Rutland.

Dismissed—R. T. Hall, Pittsford, Aug. 19, 1879.

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11. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. W. S. HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School	Average Congregat'on.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Barre,	1799	Leonard Tenney,	A. P.	1845	1868	60	111	171	41	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	3	256	150	125	$28 00	$50 00	$18 35	.....	.....	$23 85	$115 20
Berlin,	1798	Alden Ladd,	A. P.	1865	1879	28	38	66	21	5	0	5	2	5	0	7	3	0	103	104	39	19 00	4 00	3 61	.....	.....	20 00	46 61
" West,	1865	Alden Ladd,	A. P.	1865	1879	5	13	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	50	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duxbury,	1836	C. A. Smith, M.	S.	....	1877	10	11	21	7	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	70	70	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
Marshfield.	1826	Paul H. Pitkin,	P.	1866	1878	17	30	47	11	1	0	1	2	3	2	7	1	0	60	64	18	16 00	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 00
Montpelier,	1808	John H. Hincks,	P.	1877	1877	63	171	234	45	8	4	12	8	3	0	11	3	6	160	225	150	78 25	141 55	18 51	.....	.....	132 04	370 35
Northfield,	1822	William S. Hazen,	P.	1864	1863	38	74	112	12	3	0	3	5	6	0	11	2	0	151	123	73	35 70	48 97	14 26	$9 92	.....	25 20	134 05
Plainfield,	1799	Clark E. Ferrin,	P.	1857	1877	12	22	34	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	2	76	62	44	9 15	5 00	18 51	.....	.....	5 00	32 66
Roxbury,	1864	Chas. H. Covell, L.	S.	....	1879	20	38	58	13	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	85	76	69	20 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	40 00
Waitsfield,	1796	S. H. Robinson,	P.	1877	1877	44	93	137	21	3	1	4	3	0	1	4	2	1	176	144	85	16 00	25 50	13 55	.....	.....	15 00	70 05
Warren,	1816	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterbury,	1801	S. H. Wheeler,	P.	1875	1875	64	113	177	20	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	200	175	125	30 00	75 00	30 00	.....	.....	20 00	155 00
Woodbury,	1875	H. R. Howes,	A. P.	1870	1879	21	29	50	3	2	1	3	1	0	...	1	2	3	50	80	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Worcester,	1824	P. H. Carpenter,	P.	1879	1878	9	39	48	22	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	50	62	40	8 20	1 00	.....	.....	.....	7 32	16 52
Total, 14		7 P., 3 A. P., 2 S.				391	782	1173	223	30	6	36	27	23	3	53	18	16	1477	1385	861	$255 30	$368 02	$131 79	$9 92	.....	$253 41	$1018 44

Without Charge—Charles S. Smith, Sec. V. D. M. S., Alanson D. Barber, Ed. Vt. Chronicle, John F. Stone, Montpelier; Horace Pratt, Northfield.

Dismissed—Alden Ladd, Roxbury, Dec. 8, 1879.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—William S. Hazen.

12. WINDHAM CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. D. N. GOODRICH.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Brattleboro W.,	1770	C. H. Merrill,	P.	1870	1873	69	117	186	21	6	8	14	4	0	0	4	6	4	226	170	90	$43 35	$68 72	$55 95	$8 37	$20 08	$13 09	$209 56
"	1816	Geo. E. Martin,	P.	1879	1878	89	211	300	41	9	5	14	6	4	0	10	6	4	250	314	150	197 38	320 10	28 82	20 69	28 80	24 66	620 45
Dover West,	1868	A. C. Field,	S.	1868	1878	16	24	40	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	45	60	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	1872	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dummerston,	1779	Josiah Merrill,	A. P.	1848	1880	23	62	85	25	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	100	90	6 00	21 75	6 38	.....	.....	.....	34 13
Grafton,	1785	E. J. Ward,	P.	1868	1867	32	74	106	28	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	80	....	70	.....	42 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 14
Guilford East,	1768	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamaica,	1791	Orrin G. Baker,	P.	1878	1878	21	40	61	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	74	60	12 00	10 00	5 61	5 00	.....	5 00	37 61
Londonderry,	1868	.....	.....	....	....	8	21	29	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	....	25	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marlboro,	1776	A. W. Clayton, M.	S.	....	1877	3	9	12	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	50	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newfane:—																												
" Fayetteville,	1774	George Porter,	S.	....	1879	20	64	84	25	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	....	....	116	120	63	4 25	.....	80 00	.....	.....	.....	84 25
Putney,	1776	Austin Dodge,	A. P.	1866	1878	23	71	94	14	4	3	7	0	2	0	2	4	0	135	136	41	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	30 00
Rockingham:—																												
" Saxton's Riv.,	1825	Amos Holbrook,	A. P.	1866	1876	30	57	87	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	111	100	13 00	16 50	5 50	.....	.....	17 80	52 80
" Bellows Falls,	1850	A. B. Dascomb,	A. P.	1862	1879	47	70	117	20	32	5	37	0	4	0	4	30	1	117	125	9	23 00	61 00	17 00	.....	.....	.....	101 00
" Cambridge'rt,	1868	Amos Holbrook,	A. P.	1866	1878	11	20	31	4	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	96	64	60	6 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 35
Stratton,	1802	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Townshend,	1777	George Porter,	A. P.	1861	1877	47	69	116	23	7	9	16	1	2	0	3	4	0	130	145	63	20 00	125 00	17 50	.....	.....	.....	162 50
" West,	1850	C. J. Switzer,	A. P.	1867	1878	19	48	67	6	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	....	84	40	11 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 25
Wardsboro South,	1828	R. D. Metcalf,	P.	1880	1879	11	23	34	20	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	50	31	8 50	.....	3 48	.....	.....	.....	11 98
Westminster,	1767	Pliny F. Barnard,	A. P.	1847	1873	29	86	115	10	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	0	2	194	142	90	62 53	49 00	7 30	2 10	3 20	17 94	142 07
" West,	1799	A. Stevens,	P.	1843	1842	44	46	90	3	1	4	5	1	3	0	4	1	2	148	125	80	19 68	114 00	25 96	.....	.....	27 50	187 13
Wilmington,	1855	L. E. Rockwell, M.	S.	1879	1878	28	47	75	28	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	50	25	.....	18 50	9 63	.....	.....	5 00	33 10
Windham.	1805	D. N. Goodrich,	P.	1865	1875	36	62	98	22	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	2	150	....	70	7 00	32 00	16 25	.....	.....	10 05	85 34
Total 23.		6 P., 7 A. P., 5 S.				606	1221	1827	333	69	35	104	26	24	2	52	55	16	2094	1944	1179	$424 29	$898 71	$279 38	$36 16	$92 08	$151 04	$1851 66

Without Charge—Lewis Grout, Agt. A. M. A., West Brattleboro; Amos Foster, Putney: Charles Burnham, Fayetteville.

Ordained and Installed—George E. Martin, Brattleboro, July 9, 1879; Royal D. Metcalf, So. Wardsboro, May 26, 1880.

Deceased—Augustus Chandler, Brattleboro, March 26, 1880.

Meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in September. *Register*—C. H. Merrill.

...CONFERENCE. Reported by REV. S. I. BRIANT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Average Congregat'n.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freed-men.	Educa-tion.	Church Building.	All Others.	Total Contrib.
Bethel,	1817	Elbridge Gerry,	A. P.	1868	1872	9	34	43	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	66	80	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridgewater,	1793	Fred'k Newport,	S.	....	1880	14	33	47	16	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	64	80	50	.....	$7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$7 00
Chester,	1773	H. L. Slack,	P.	1877	1877	58	121	179	33	3	1	4	3	1	0	4	3	0	150	185	95	$38 85	36 00	$23 88	.....	.....	$101 33	200 06
Hartford,	1786	S. I. Briant,	P.	1868	1875	58	113	171	25	0	6	6	5	1	0	6	0	4	223	187	138	36 09	99 04	93 61	$5 10	$21 58	2 84	258 26
" West,	1830	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	51	78	24	0	2	2	5	1	0	6	0	0	55	75	40	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	14 28	22 28
" Quechee,	1831	N. F. Carter,	P.	1867	1879	12	63	75	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	120	60	10 00	16 00	.....	.....	10 00	11 00	47 00
Hartland,	1779	C. M. Winch,	A. P.	1853	1880	7	36	43	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	64	0	30	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	6 50	13 50
Ludlow,	1806	G. H. French,	A. P.	1871	1878	30	83	113	34	9	1	10	2	3	0	5	3	2	145	82	44	24 42	42 40	11 34	.....	5 68	10 00	93 84
Norwich,	1819	N. R. Nichols,	A. P.	1872	1880	70	133	203	32	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	217	180	200	44 50	47 35	33 80	.....	.....	.....	125 65
Pittsfield,	1803	T. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	1839	1878	20	34	54	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	30	40	28	.....	16 30	4 50	.....	.....	1 00	21 80
Plymouth,	1802	.....	.....	....	....	5	6	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pomfret,	1783	W. A. Remele,	S.	....	1879	15	31	46	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	75	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rochester,	1811	S. S. Grinnell,	A. P.	1879	1878	33	79	112	21	7	4	11	2	3	0	5	6	1	102	119	70	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	45 00
Royalton,	1777	S. W. Dike,	P.	1869	1878	34	73	107	22	0	1	1	5	4	0	9	0	2	95	108	43	26 00	68 95	21 50	.....	.....	33 68	150 13
" South,	1868	S. K. B. Perkins,	A. P.	1860	1876	19	40	59	5	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	100	102	58	15 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	18 00
Sharon,	1782	E. B. Chamberlain	A. P.	1856	1874	22	58	80	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	122	85	60	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	14 10	30 10
Springfield,	1781	T. M. Boss,	P.	1866	1877	92	229	321	56	1	4	5	10	3	0	13	0	0	260	250	180	913 93	1292 65	446 71	410 67	371 15	545 00	4180 12
Stockbridge,	1827	James Hay,	A. P.	1852	1879	20	38	58	15	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	60	50	20	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Weathersf. C.,	1779	L. O. Sherburne,	S.	....	1877	15	20	35	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	65	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 95	14 95
" E.,	1838	.....	.....	....	....	8	17	25	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Ascutneyv.,	1869	Jarvis Richards,	A. P.	....	1879	12	17	29	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	125	50	5 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	7 72	25 72
Weston,	1799	J. R. Flint,	P.	1879	1878	14	30	44	11	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	40	25	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Windsor,	1772	Jarvis Richards,	A. P.	....	1878	70	100	170	70	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	3	90	123	82	60 00	78 75	13 50	.....	.....	.....	152 25
Woodstock,	1781	L. W. Hicks.	P.	1874	1874	65	138	203	25	3	0	3	12	3	0	15	3	1	147	167	103	116 02	291 18	126 21	786 80	17 06	58 50	2495 77
Total, 24		7 P. 10 A. P. 3 S.				729	1577	2306	472	25	29	54	60	23	0	83	16	16	2285	2338	1507	$2306 86	$2071 62	$777 05	$1202 53	$628 47	$830 90	$7817 43

Without Charge—Jonathan Clement, D. D., Norwich; J. B. Clark, Ludlow; J. S. Chapman, Chester; A. S. Swift, Stockbridge; R. D. Miller, Hartland.

Ordained—S. S. Grinnell, Rochester, Jan. 14, 1879.

Ordained and Installed—Joseph R. Flint, Weston, Sept. 10, 1879.

Deceased—Franklin Butler, Windsor, May 23, 1880.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—S. Ingersoll Briant.

SUMMARY.—JAN. 1, 1880.

CONFER'NCES	Total Churches.	Churches with Pastors.	Churches with A. P.	Churches with Supplies.	Vacant Churches.	Net gain.	Net loss.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Licentiates.	Without Charge.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total Ministers.	Church Members. Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dismission.	Exclusion.	Total.	Bap's. Adult.	Infant.	Sabbath School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	Benevolent Contributions. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Freedmen.	Education.	Church Building.	All others.	Total Benev. Contrib.
Addison,	14	6	2	2	4	68	0	6	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	11	725	1268	1993	334	101	29	130	38	23	1	62	34	27	1848	1665	982	$1167 50	$1030 31	$240 51	$42 78	$69 14	$146 91	$2697 15
Bennington,	11	4	6	1	0	0	12	4	6	1	4	0	0	0	0	14	363	742	1105	176	17	22	39	23	28	0	51	7	11	1462	1192	628	736 53	922 04	200 59	27 08	98 49	267 53	2252 26
Caledonia,	15	8	6	0	1	0	33	8	5	0	4	0	1	1	1	17	768	1431	2199	476	20	33	53	34	49	3	86	11	28	2167	2120	1251	2469 60	3808 14	665 04	2159 96	350 31	558 43	10011 48
Chittenden,	17	3	13	0	1	47	0	3	9	1	9	0	0	0	0	21	536	1160	1696	355	82	48	130	41	42	0	83	58	11	2085	2209	948	1107 49	965 82	210 12	0	18 80	490 16	2792 39
Essex,	3	0	2	0	1	9	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	53	111	164	40	10	5	15	3	3	0	6	3	1	222	237	132	41 11	63 58	7 67	0	0	37 75	150 11
Frank. & Gr. I.	12	2	9	0	1	0	2	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	9	447	772	1219	240	30	11	41	16	26	1	43	12	19	1118	1123	544	660 94	441 20	137 16	40 26	0	436 11	1715 67
Lamoille,	8	0	5	0	0	3	0	7	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	166	323	489	90	10	5	15	10	12	0	22	6	5	775	713	306	59 48	256 34	251 80	0	0	65 60	633 22
Orange,	22	5	12	0	5	0	31	5	11	0	3	0	1	1	1	19	736	1457	2193	384	24	31	55	38	46	2	86	12	28	2626	2296	1546	868 67	878 42	494 71	39 41	0	404 65	2685 86
Orleans,	18	4	10	2	2	0	11	4	8	2	3	1	0	2	0	15	464	894	1358	228	11	12	23	25	6	3	34	7	6	1783	1724	1005	262 97	609 37	91 50	28 82	13 50	145 25	1151 41
Rutland,	17	4	9	1	3	0	0	4	9	0	5	0	0	1	0	18	792	1569	2361	411	31	31	62	30	32	0	62	14	6	2227	1906	1158	895 61	1322 78	413 58	21 14	25 07	165 03	2843 21
Washington,	14	7	3	2	2	0	17	7	2	0	4	1	1	1	0	13	391	782	1173	223	30	6	36	27	23	3	53	18	16	1477	1385	861	255 30	368 02	131 79	9 92	0	253 41	1018 44
Windham,	23	6	7	5	5	52	0	8	6	1	4	2	2	2	0	16	606	1221	1827	333	69	35	104	26	24	2	52	55	16	2094	1944	1179	434 29	898 71	279 38	36 16	52 08	151 04	1851 66
Windsor,	24	5	12	3	4	0	29	5	10	0	6	1	1	0	0	21	729	1577	2306	472	25	29	54	60	23	0	83	16	16	2285	2338	1507	2306 86	2071 62	777 05	1202 53	628 47	830 90	7817 43
13	198	54	96	16	32	176	142	54	81	9	47	5	6	8	3	182	6776	13307	20083	3762	460	297	757	371	337	15	723	273	190	22169	20852	12047	$11266 35	$13636 35	$3900 90	$3608 06	1255 86	$3932 77	$37620 29

"ACTING PASTORS" include only ordained Congl. Ministers.—"OTHER SUPPLIES" include Ministers of other denominations.—"NOT SUPPLIED," i. e., statedly by one person.

THE ASSOCIATIONS.

give the names of the Congregational Ministers of Vermont r respective Associations, the dates of their ordination and of ginning of their membership, their residence, and ministerial ment or relation. Also, so far as known, the organization, f Register and times of meeting of the Associations. (Only mbers *in Vermont* of the Associations intersected by the Con- t river are given.)

ADDISON ASSOCIATION.

W. W. WINCHESTER, Register. 4th Tuesday January, April, July and October.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
. Aiken,	Jan. 14, 1857,	April 27, 1875,	Rutland,	W. C.
N. Bacon,	Dec. 28, 1859,	April 25, 1865,	Shoreham,	P.
. Hall,	Sept. 2, 1875,	July, 1878,	Vergennes,	P.
mway,	Jan. 22, 1839,	June 2, 1852,	Manchester,	W. C.
. Hooker,	Nov. 13, 1861,	Oct. 26, 1870,	Middlebury,	P.
Hulbert, D. D.,	Oct. 20, 1859,	April 25, 1860,	Middlebury,	Pres. M. Coll.
. Kent,	Oct. 22, 1828,	Jan. 22, 1862,	New Haven,	P. ret.
Knowlton,	Nov. 2, 1865,	Oct. 22, 1873,	New Haven,	P.
Labaree, Jr.,	June 12, 1860,	April 26, 1860,	Oroomiah, Persia,	Mis. Pres. Bd.
Severance.	Feb. 17, 1864,	Jan. 26, 1869,	Orwell,	P.
th,	1845,	Jan. 26, 1870,	Middlebury,	W. C.
V. Winchester,	Mar. 23, 1854,	Jan. 27, 1867,	Bridport,	P.
lbee,	Licentiate,	Oct. 26, 1859,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Coll.
alnard,	Licentiate,	Jan. 26, 1870,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Coll.
regor Means,	Licentiate,	April 24, 1877,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Coll.

BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION.

JAMES ANDERSON, Register. Last Tuesday May, July, Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar.

derson,	Aug. 12, 1829,	Feb. 2, 1830,	Manchester,	W. C.
. Blaisdell,	1828,	Sept. 30, 1873,	Randolph,	A. P.
Clark,	Dec. 1838,	Sept. 28, 1858,	Ludlow,	W. C.
nings,	June 14, 1843,	May 29, 1854,	Bennington Cen.,	P.
an Lambert, D. D.,	Nov. 2, 1837,	May 25, 1875,	Rupert,	A. P.
McCollom,	Mar. 23, 1869,	May 25, 1875,	East Arlington,	A. P.
Partridge,	May 6, 1860,	May 31, 1876,	North Bennington,	A. P.
. Pratt,	Sept. 29, 1847,	May 26, 1857,	Dorset,	P.
riffin Read,	Oct. 11, 1865,	May 31, 1876,	Bennington,	P.
ad,	Sept. 24, 1829,	May 11, 1880,	Bennington,	W. C.
edfield,	June 9, 1859,	May 31, 1870,	Troy, N. Y.,	W. C.
Reed,	June 24, 1863,	May 13, 1879,	Manchester,	P.
. Wickham, D. D.,	July 31, 1823,	Oct. 27, 1840,	Manchester,	W. C.
I. Shaw,	Licentiate,	May 8, 1877,	Saxton's River,	W. C.

CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

1811. J. HAMMOND, Scribe. 2d Tuesday January, March, May, September and November.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
Benjamin S. Adams,	Nov. 22, 1871,	1877,	Cabot,	P.
Stephen A. Barnard,	Jan. 13, 1830,	 1861,	Lansing, Mich.,	W. C.
William P. Bennett,	Dec. 8, 1870,	1876,	Lyndonville,	A. P.
Nelson F. Cobleigh,	Aug. 16, 1871,	Jan. 14, 1878,	McIndoes Falls,	A. P.
Ephraim Cummings,	Mar. 17, 1858,	1861,	Portland, Maine,	
Edward T. Fairbanks,	Jan. 1, 1868,	1868,	St. Johnsbury,	P.
Henry Fairbanks,	Feb. 17, 1858,	1869,	St. Johnsbury,	S.VT.Y.M.C.A
Homer T. Fuller,	1870,	1871,	St. Johnsbury,	Prin. St. J. A.
Matthew A. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858,	Nov. 12, 1878,	St. Johnsbury,	A. P.
Charles E. Gordon,	May 17, 1876,	Nov. 12, 1878,	East Hardwick,	P.
Joseph Hammond,	1871,	Nov. 12, 1878,	St. Johnsbury C.,	A. P.
Herbert R. Howes,	1870,	.....	Woodbury,	A. P.
Henry W. Jones,	May 24, 1866,	1876,	St. Johnsbury,	P.
J. Lincoln Litch,	April 7, 1867,	1874,	Derby Line,	P.
Charles F. Morse,	Aug. 13, 1856,	May 13, 1879,	Lower Waterford,	A. P.
Nathan R. Nichols,	Feb. 1, 1872	1874,	Norwich,	A. P.
S. Girard Norcross,	Oct. 11, 1859,	1869,	N. Conway, N. H.,	A. P.
Moses Patten,	June 7, 1860,	Sept. 10, 1878,	Greensboro,	P.
Frederick B. Phelps,	Oct. 18, 1870,	.....	St. Johnsbury E.,	P.
William W. Thayer,	Mar. 21, 1839,	1847,	St. Johnsbury,	Librarian.
Charles W. Thompson,	July 1, 1869,	1869,	Danville,	P.
Azel W. Wild,	Oct. 26, 1864,	1874,	Peacham,	P.

LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION.

June 1, 1858. J. G. HALE, Register. 1st Tuesday Feb., 2d Tuesday May and Sept.

Lyman Bartlett,	Aug. 8, 1861,	1861,	Cesarea, Turkey,	M.A.B.C.F.M.
William A. Bushee,	Aug. 19, 1869,	May 11, 1880,	Morrisville,	A. P.
James T. Ford,	1867,	1868,	San Bern'dino, Cal.	A. P.
George H. French,	Nov. 8, 1871,	1872,	Ludlow,	A. P.
John G. Hale,	Sept. 30, 1852,	1878,	Stowe,	A. P.
Daniel W. Hardy,	Oct. 20, 1874,	1874,	Bluehill, Maine,	A. P.
Horace Herrick,	1844,	1880,	Woodbury,	A. P.
Giles F. Montgomery,	Aug. 19, 1869,	1864,	Marash, Turkey,	M.A.B.C.F.M.
Benjamin F. Perkins,	Nov. 22, 1865,	1870,	Sterling, Mass.,	A. P.
C. J. Richardson,	May 22, 1878,	May 11, 1880,	Wolcott,	A. P.
Azro A. Smith,	Feb. 11, 1864,	Dec. 17, 1879,	Johnson,	A. P.
Edwin Wheelock,	Jan. 23, 1856,	1858,	Cambridge,	A. P.

MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 9, 1827. WM. S. HAZEN, Scribe. Last Tuesday January, April, July and Oct.

Philo H. Carpenter,	Jan. 21, 1879,	1879,	Worcester,	P.
John P. Demeritt,	May 31, 1870,	1878,	Brookfield,	A. P.
Clark E. Ferrin,	Dec. 10, 1851,	1878,	Plainfield,	P.
James L. Harrington,	Oct. 25, 1876,	1876,	East Dorset,	A. P.
William S. Hazen,	Oct. 12, 1864,	1865,	Northfield,	P.
John H. Hincks,	Sept. 27, 1877,	1878,	Montpelier,	P.
Alden Ladd,	Feb. 15, 1865,	1865,	Berlin,	A. P.
Paul H. Pitkin,	Sept. 11, 1866,	1878,	Marshfield,	P.
Horace Pratt,	Mar. 28, 1849,	1870,	Northfield,	W. C.
Stephen H. Robinson,	Sept. 7, 1877,	1878,	Waitsfield,	P.
Charles S. Smith,	Nov. 13, 1855,	1865,	Montpelier,	Sec.VT.D.M.S.
John F. Stone,	Jan. 21, 1829,	1838,	Montpelier,	W. C.
Leonard Tenney,	Mar. 19, 1845,	1868,	Barre,	A. P.
Caleb M. Winch,	June 29, 1853,	1854,	Hartland,	A. P.

NORTH WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

A. B. SWIFT, Register. 3d Tuesday January, 2d Tuesday May, 4th Tuesday September.

James H. Babbitt,	Sept. 10, 1868,	Jan. 15, 1878,	Swanton,	A. P.
Calvin B. Cady,	1838,	May 27, 1845,	Georgia,	W. C.
Charles W. Clark,	Jan. 13, 1861,	Sept., 1879,	Georgia,	A. P.
J. K. Fuller,	April 28, 1876,	.....	Bakersfield,	A. P.
Elias W. Hatch,	1866,	Jan. 15, 1867,	East Berkshire,	P.
Richard Hicks,	1867,	Jan. 21, 1873,	Alburgh,	A. P.
James P. Stone,	Oct. 16, 1839,	Jan. 21, 1873,	Dalton, N. H.,	A. P.
Alfred B. Swift,	1855,	Jan. 20, 1863,	Enosburgh,	A. P.
Charles Van Norden,	1866,	Jan. 20, 1874,	St. Albans,	P.
Charles P. Watson,	1857,	May 8, 1877,	Sheldon,	A. P.
John H. Woodward,	Jan. 31, 1838,	1836,	Milton,	A. P.

ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

CUMMINGS, Register. 1st Tuesday February and May, 4th Tuesday October.

mbers.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
Bates,	May 23, 1864,	May 14, 1872,	Newbury,	P.
oeson,	1871,	Oct. 2, 1878,	Thetford,	A. P.
mings,	July 16, 1851,	May 2, 1876,	Strafford,	P.
lliot,	May 2, 1866,	Feb. 3, 1873,	Bradford,	A. P.
er,	Sept. 30, 1830,	Aug. 14, 1855,	Vershire,	W. C.
on,	Feb., 1858,	May 2, 1876,	West Newbury,	A. P.
tanslow,	June 23, 1869,	May 8, 1877,	Wells River,	A. P.
ofield,	Feb. 24, 1874.	May 4, 1880,	West Fairlee,	A. P.
Fillis,	Oct. 10, 1876,	Sept. 25, 1877,	E. Hartland, Ct.,	
. Abbott,	Licentiate.	Feb. 5, 1878,	South Newbury,	

ORLEANS ASSOCIATION.

J. BOARDMAN, Clerk. 3d Tuesday January, May and August.

ates,	Sept. 19, 1860,	Feb. 25, 1880,	Barton Landing,	A. P.
rdman,	Mar. 20, 1851,	Jan. 15, 1878,	North Craftsbury,	A. P.
urnham,	Dec. 10, 1879,	May 18, 1880,	Westfield,	A. P.
Butler,	Jan. 3, 1877,	Aug. 21, 1878,	Derby,	A. P.
C. Child,	May 18, 1853,	.....	Orfordville, N. H.,	W. C.
rrar,	Oct. 21, 1862,	.....	.....	A. P.
r,	1862,	.....	West Derby,	
Herrick,	May 28, 1851,	May 20, 1873,	West Charleston,	A. P.
ward,	Jan. 19, 1841,	.....	West Charleston,	W. C.
ley,	Mar. 10, 1876,	May 17, 1876,	Irasburgh,	A. P.
litch,	April 7, 1867,	.....	Derby Line,	
Phelps,	Sept. 5, 1878,	Feb. 4, 1879,	Barton,	P.
y,	May 1, 1844,	May 18, 1875,	St. Johnsbury C.,	W. C.
ne,	.....	....	North Troy,	W. C.
rville,	October, 1851,	May 19, 1874,	Coventry,	A. P.
S. Thomas,	Jan. 28, 1862,	Jan. 15, 1878,	Glover,	P.
Wild,	Oct. 11, 1865,	.....	Newport,	P.

ROYALTON ASSOCIATION.

. OSGOOD, Register pro tem. 1st Tuesday February, 3d Tuesday, May and Sept.

berlain,	Mar. 12, 1856,	Feb. 8, 1876,	Sharon,	A. P.
Dealtry,	May 11, 1874,	Feb. 5, 1878,	East Braintree,	W. C.
Dike,	Feb. 5, 1869,	.....	Royalton,	P.
Herrick,	Feb. 24, 1864,	.....	Chelsea,	P.
Hubbard,	June, 1839,	.....	Rochester,	A. P.
Osgood,	Jan. 17, 1878,	Feb. 5, 1878,	Tunbridge,	P.
S. Perkins,	Jan. 11, 1860,	Sept. 18, 1877,	South Royalton,	A. P.
Tolman,	July 10, 1862,	Sept. 17, 1878,	Brookfield,	A. P.
ell,	Licentiate.	Nov. 12, 1878.	East Braintree,	S.

RUTLAND ASSOCIATION.

). MEARS, Register. 2d Tuesday February, May, August and November.

rar,	June 5, 1875,	Nov. 11, 1879,	Hubbardton,	A. P.
agg,	Sept. 26, 1872,	Feb. 2, 1880,	Fair Haven,	A. P.
ager,	Aug. 6, 1834,	Feb. 28, 1861.	East Poultney,	A. P.
Hooker,	June 17, 1868,	May 10, 1876,	Castleton,	P.
bbuson,	Dec. 27, 1866,	Sept. 13, 1870,	Rutland,	P.
yon,	Sept. 23, 1858,	Nov. 11, 1879,	Benson,	A. P.
ard,	Aug. 6, 1828,	Oct. 10, 1843,	Castleton,	W. C.
dears,	Nov. 8, 1871,	May 8, 1877,	Danby,	A. P.
Morse,	May 11, 1864,	Aug. 7, 1877,	Clarendon,	P.
rick,	Feb. 18, 1846,	May, 14, 1872,	Middletown,	A. P.
nstedt,	Feb. 3, 1841,	Oct. 13, 1857,	Shrewsbury,	W. C.
,	May 2, 1866,	Feb. 2, 1873,	Pittsford,	P.
yng,	Oct. 26, 1852,	Sept. 12, 1877,	Northboro, Mass.,	A. P.
lden,	Mar. 17, 1830,	May 25, 1880,	Nashua, N. H.,	W. C.
. Wilder,	May 28, 1875,	Feb. 13, 1877,	No. Brookfield, Ms.	P. elect.
illiams,	Nov. 22, 1866,	May 11, 1875,	West Rutland,	A. P.
. Hall,	Licentiate,	Aug. 8, 1877,	Oberlin, Ohio,	Tutor.

WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

S. INGERSOLL BRIANT, Scribe. 2d Tuesday January, April, July and October.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
S. Ingersoll Briant,	April 22, 1868,	May 11, 1875,	Hartford,	A. P.
Nathan F. Carter,	Dec. 17, 1867,	Jan. 27, 1890,	Quechee,	P.
Jonathan Clement, D. D.,	Oct. 13, 1830,	Aug. 10, 1852,	Norwich,	W. C.
Charles Duren,	Feb. 3, 1841,	Nov. 12, 1867,	Granby,	A. P.
Lewis W. Hicks,	Sept. 10, 1874,	July 13, 1875,	Woodstock,	P.

WINDHAM ASSOCIATION.

Oct. 17, 1775. AMOS HOLBROOK, Scribe. 1st Tues. August, Nov., Feb., 3d Tues. May.

Orrin G. Baker,	Feb. 19, 1878,	May, 1878,	Jamaica,	A. P.
Pliny F. Barnard,	Jan. 14, 1847,	May, 1874,	Westminster,	A. P.
Charles Burnham,	Nov., 1841,	Nov., 1871,	Fayetteville,	A. P.
Levi G. Chase,	Aug. 24, 1870,	Nov. 2, 1870,	Guildhall,	A. P.
Artemas C. Field,	June 28, 1866,	1874,	West Dover,	A. P.
Amos Foster,	March 2, 1823,	June, 1833,	Putney,	W. C.
Darius N. Goodrich,	June 19, 1865,	May, 1876,	Windham,	P.
Lewis Grout,	Oct. 8, 1846,	Feb., 1858,	West Brattleboro,	Agent A. M. A.
Amos Holbrook,	May 9, 1866,	May, 1877,	Saxton's River,	A. P.
Henry Marden,	Sept. 2, 1849,	Feb., 1878,		M. A. B. C. F. M.
Charles H. Merrill,	Nov. 8, 1870,	May, 1872,	West Brattleboro,	P.
George Porter,	1861,	Aug. 6, 1878,	Townsend,	A. P.
Charles Scott,	Dec. 27, 1854,	.....		
Alfred Stevens, D. D.,	Feb. 22, 1843,	May, 1844,	Westminster W.,	P.
Christopher J. Switzer.	Jan. 10, 1867,	May 18, 1880,	West Townshend,	A. P.
George L. Walker, D. D.,	Oct. 13, 1858,	May, 1877,	Hartford, Conn.,	P.
Earl J. Ward,	Mar. 11, 1868,	May 5, 1868,	Grafton,	P.
Royal D. Metcalf,	1880,	1880,	South Wardsboro,	P.

WINDSOR ASSOCIATION.

R. D. MILLER, Scribe.

J. S. Chapman,	1869,	Feb. 1876,	Chester,	W. C.
Silas P. Cook,	1870,	May, 1870,	Keene, N. H.,	W. C.
R. D. Miller,	July, 1856,	May, 1876,	Hartland,	A. P.
Robert Samuel,	1859,	Nov., 1872,	Cawker City, Kan.,	A. P.

WINOOSKI ASSOCIATION.

June 9, 1847. A. HAZEN, Register. 3d Monday January, May and October.

Ariel A. Baker,	Aug. 30, 1854,	1879,	Winooski,	A. P.
Alanson D. Barber,	.....	May, 1862,	Montpelier,	Ed. Vt. Chron.
Alanson S. Barton,	Oct. 29, 1862,	May, 1877,	Colchester,	A. P.
Eben C. Birge,	Aug. 26, 1840,	May, 1878,	Underhill,	W. C.
Lewis O. Brastow,	January, 1861,	May, 1877,	Burlington,	P.
James Buckham,	April 4, 1820,	Jan., 1848,	Burlington,	W. C.
George P. Bylngton,	Mar. 11, 1868,	May, 1870,	Westford,	A. P.
John K. Converse,	Aug. 9, 1832,	June 9, 1847,	Burlington,	Ag't Col. Soc.
John Cowan,	May 25, 1875,	May, 1877,	Essex,	A. P.
John D. Emerson,	Oct. 1, 1858,	1879,	Underhill,	A. P.
Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848,	1875,	Burlington,	W. C.
John E. Goodrich,	May 17, 1864,	Jan., 1869,	Burlington,	Prof. U. Vt.
Austin Hazen,	Mar. 29, 1860,	May, 1865,	Jericho Center,	A. P.
Enward Hungerford,	.....	.....	Burlington,	A. P.
Spencer Marsh,	Nov. 6, 1836,	May, 1857,	Burlington,	W. C.
Franklin W. Olmsted,	July 11, 1848,	1879,	Williston,	A. P.
George B. Safford, D. D.,	Sept. 2, 1858,	June, 1863.	Burlington,	P.
Charles M. Seaton,	Sept. 28. 1837,	May, 1853,	Essex Junction,	W. C.
Charles C. Torrey,	Sept. 7, 1855,	Sept. 1871,	Charlotte,	A. P.
Henry A. P. Torrey,	May 3, 1865,	May, 1869,	Burlington,	Prof. U. V.
Orville G. Wheeler,	Nov. 5, 1840,	June, 1847,	South Hero,	P.
J. C. Wilder,	.....	Jan., 1851,	Charlotte,	W. C.
Andrew J. Willard,	April, 1837,	May, 1869,	Burlington,	W. C.
John H. Worcester, D. D.,	.....	Oct. 1847,	Burlington,	W. C.
M. H. Buckham, D. D.,	Licentiate,	Oct., 1857,	Burlington,	Pres. U. V.

MISSIONARIES OF THE A. B. C. F. M.

FROM VERMONT.

ces marked (*b*) indicate only birth-place, the later residence of erson having been in some other State.

Names.	Vermont Residence.	Mission Fields.
Bartlett,	Morrisville,	Cesarea, Western Turkey.
ıe C. (Barrows) Bartlett,	Morrisville,	Cesarea, Western Turkey.
lartha J. Barrows,	Middlebury,	Kobe, Japan.
E. Bliss,	Putney, (*b*)	Constantinople, W. T.
lora P. (Stearns) Bowen,	Lunenburgh, (*b*)	Manisa, W. T.
annie E. Burrage,	Pittsford,	Cesarea, W. T.
aura B. Chamberlain,	Peacham,	Sivas, W. T.
ane E. Chapin,	Greensboro, (*b*)	Peking, China.
W. Clark,	Georgia,	Prague, Austria.
arah A. Closson,	Thetford, (*b*)	Cesarea, W. T.
aura A. Day,	Essex, (*b*)	Amanzimtote, Zulu.
O. Dwight,	Morrisville,	Constantinople, W. T.
: M. (Griswold) Dwight,	Morrisville,	Constantinople, W. T.
ı A. Farnsworth,	Thetford,	Cesarea, W. T.
ıe E. (Palmer) Farnsworth,	Thetford,	Cesarea, W. T.
lartha J. Gleason,	McIndoes,	Constantinople, W. T.
: F. Herrick,	Essex,	Marsovan, W. T.
Herrick,	Dummerston,	Tirumangalam, Madura.
:th H. (Crosby) Herrick,	West Brattleboro,	" "
ate M. (Thrall) Jenney,	Rutland, (*b*)	Monastir, European Turkey.
: C. Knapp,	Benson,	Bitlis, E. T.
M. (Churchill) Knapp,	Hubbardton,	Bitlis, E. T.
: W. Leitch,	Ryegate,	Batticotta, Ceylon.
largaret W. Leitch,	Ryegate,	" "
lary Leitch,	Ryegate,	" "
: D. Marsh,	Quechee, (*b*)	Philippopolis, Euro. Turkey.
'. Montgomery,	Morrisville,	Marash, C. T.
(Redington) Montgomery,	Morrisville,	Marash, C. T.
P. Parmalee,	Underhill,	Erzroom, E. T.
ılia (Farr) Parmalee,	Thetford,	" "
llen M. Pierce,	Weathersfield, (*b*)	Aintal, C. T.
E. Scott,	Johnson, (*b*)	Van, E. T.
. Smith,	Windsor, (*b*)	Marsovan, W. T.
ıura E. (Smith) Smith,	Castleton, (*b*)	" Died Mar. 15, 1880.
H. (Park) Thom,	Grafton, (*b*)	Mardin, E. T.

Total, 35; Ordained, 12; Ladies, 21.

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. James W. Hickok, Joshua Leavitt, William H. Lord, Thaddeus Fairbanks, J. G. Stimson, and Charles S. Smith, with their associates, being members of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, a society heretofore existing, and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches and communities in the State, in need of assistance in sustaining the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with all the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly paper published in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Passed October 25, 1872.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ——— ——— dollars, in trust, to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, incorporated in October, 1872, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

As Revised and Adopted June 18, 1873.

NAME.

ART. I. This Society shall be known by the name of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. II. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying two dollars into its treasury, and his membership shall continue so long as he shall annually pay a like sum. Any person may, at his request, become a member for life of the Society, who shall at one time pay twenty dollars or more, into its treasury. Congregational ministers whose churches contribute annually to the treasury of this Society, shall be members, and their membership shall continue so long as such annual contributions are made. All such members shall be entitled to vote.

OBJECT.

ART. III. The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns in the State with the preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

OFFICERS.

ART. IV. The officers of this Society, to be elected annually, shall be a President, Vice-President, twelve Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. The President and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Directors *ex-officiis*. These officers shall all hold their offices for a year and till others are elected.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, to act upon applications coming from churches, asking for aid; make appropriations of money; fill temporarily any vacancy occasioned by the death or resignation of the Secretary, Treasurer, or Auditor; have a general superintendence of all the Society's affairs, and make, through the Secretary, a report of their doings at each annual meeting.

At their annual meeting the Directors shall appoint *five* of their own number—one of whom shall be the Secretary—as an Executive Committee, which committee shall have full power to act for the Directors on all matters that may come before them, when the Directors are not in session.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

ART. VII. The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society and of the Directors; keep a true record of their doings and call meetings of the Society, Directors, and Executive Committee.

He shall secure, as far as possible, collections and donations from churches and individuals; visit destitute communities to ascertain their needs; direct itinerant missionaries to their fields; draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Directors or Executive Committee, and make an annual report to the Society of the doings of the Directors, and the condition of the missionary work.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society; take care of and invest the permanent funds; lease, or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Directors or Executive Committee; and exhibit at the annual meeting an audited account of the condition of the treasury, make a statement of the amount of permanent funds, and how they are invested. He shall hold his books open for inspection when requested by any member of the Society, and shall give bonds when required by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF AUDITOR.

ART. IX. The Auditor shall carefully audit the Treasurer's book every year, before the annual meeting of the Society, and report also on the amount of the permanent funds, and the form of their investment.

MEETINGS.

Meetings of Society.

ART. X. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, for the election of officers and the transaction of any necessary business, on the Wednesday succeeding the second Tuesday in June, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the same place where the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont holds its annual meeting. Two several notices shall be given by the Secretary, of the time and place of holding this meeting, in some newspaper generally circulated in this State.

Meetings of Directors.

The Directors shall hold an annual meeting on the same day of the annual meeting of the Society, at such time as the Secretary shall give notice to the Directors, personally or by public notice, at the annual meeting of the Society. They may adjourn or meet at such other time as they see fit, or as they may be called together by the Secretary, notice being given them in writing, one week before the time of meeting.

Meetings of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as they may appoint, and whenever the Secretary may call them together; and they shall have power to call meetings of the Society or Directors, in case of the death, resignation, or absence of the Secretary.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

ART. XI. The object of this Society shall not be changed, but this Constitution may be altered or amended, on a proposal of the Directors, at any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS, JUNE 17, 1873.

RULE 1. Churches asking for aid, must first subscribe one hundred and twenty-five per cent, on their grand list, unless in very exceptional cases.

RULE 2. No church in debt for past ministerial services shall receive aid.

RULE 3. Appropriations shall not be made for a longer period than twelve months, and shall not, except in special cases, date back of the time of application.

RULE 4. Applications shall be signed by a committee of the church asking for aid. They shall also be endorsed by the Association of Ministers within whose bounds they arise, or by a committee of such body.

RULE 5. Every application must contain an answer to the following questions, viz:

(1.) Name of minister employed?
(2.) Number of members of the church?
(3.) Usual attendance on public worship?
(4.) Amount of the grand list of the church?
(5.) Amount actually subscribed by the church for preaching?
(6.) Amount subscribed by those not members of the church?
(7.) Is aid expected from any other source?
(8.) Least amount of aid that will suffice from this Society?
(9.) Is the church in debt for past ministerial services? If so, how much? and to whom?
(10.) From what date is aid asked?

RULE 6. On the expiration of an appropriation, if aid is still needed, a new application must be made, containing an explicit answer to all of the above questions.

RULE 7. All missionaries, when required, shall furnish satisfactory testimonials of church and ministerial standing.

RULE 8. A statistical report shall be made by each missionary before the first of June of each year, or when he leaves his field, if it is before the close of the Society's year.

RULE 9. Missionaries shall not be entitled to receive payments from this Society till they have made a written report to the Secretary of their services for the period for which such payment is due. Those who wish quarterly payments must make quarterly reports.

RULE 10. Missionaries must reside with the people to whom they preach. If they serve two or more churches, they must live with one of them.

RULE 11. The Secretary shall engage itinerant laborers, as may be needed, for destitute fields, who shall be guaranteed seven dollars per week, and their fare one way, not to exceed ten dollars. The people with whom they labor shall, in all cases, provide board, and pay as large a part of the salary as possible.

Churches receiving aid are requested to arrange, as far as practicable, their contracts with their ministers so that their year may commence with the first of June, in order that all applications for the renewal of grants may be made before the annual meeting.

Any church wishing to apply for aid should send to the Secretary for a blank form of application.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

The Sixty-second Annual Meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held in the Congregational Church of Chester, Vt., June 9th, 1880, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in accordance with a notice published in three successive issues of the VERMONT CHRONICLE next preceding the time of meeting.

The President and Vice President being absent, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith. On motion of Mr. C. F. Thompson, Rev. Henry Fairbanks was chosen President *pro tem.*

After the singing of a hymn, and prayer by Rev. Wm. B. Brown, D. D., of New York, a Committee of three were appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. G. B. Safford, D. D., Dea. C. F. Thompson and Rev. A. A. Smith.

The Treasurer, Mr. J. C. Emery, then read his Annual Report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed. [For this Report, see near the close of this pamphlet, immediately after the Directors' Report.]

The Director's Report was then read, at the request of the Secretary, by Rev. Wm. S. Hazen. On motion, by Hon. John B. Page, to accept and adopt the report, remarks were made by Rev. Messrs. A. B. Dascomb, Henry Fairbanks, W. B. Drown, D. D., L. Grout, L. H. Elliot and S. W. Dike, which motion passed.

It was voted, on motion of Rev. G. B. Safford, that Rev. Henry Fairbanks be invited to furnish for publication the statistics read by him.

The Nominating Committee then reported the following list of Officers to act for the ensuing year, viz:

President—Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS.
Vice President—Pres. C. B. HULBERT, D. D.
Secretary—Rev. C. S. SMITH.
Treasurer—Mr. J. C. EMERY.
Auditor—Hon. JOHN A. PAGE.

Directors—Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. A. W. WILD, Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, D. D., Rev. J. G. HALE, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD, D. D., Rev. I. JENNINGS, Rev. S. W. DIKE, Rev. L. TENNEY, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, and Dea. JOSEPH ATKINSON.

Directors Ex-officiis—Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, President, and Rev. C. S. SMITH, Secretary.

This report was accepted and adopted, and the above officers declared elected for the year ensuing.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

To-day brings us to the close of our Sixty-second year of missionary service. In reviewing its events we are reminded that one of our number—an officer of this Society, has, during the year, fallen, or, rather, should we not say has *risen?* For though when a good man dies, his body is laid low, his spirit ascends to God who gave it. Principal Jacob S. Spaulding, LL. D., for six years a Director of this Society, and for the same time one of its Executive Committee, suddenly, in the midst of his labors, and in the ripeness of his usefulness completed his earthly mission.

Dr. Spaulding *had a mission*, which he patiently and faithfully discharged for forty years in this State, for the good of society and for the glory of God. His mission, as an instructor of youth and an architect of character, was nearly allied to the mission of this Society. He did much for the intellectual and spiritual cultivation and advancement of many of the missionary fields in this State, through the pupils he received from them and the indelible impress he left on those pupils, as the result of his own Christian faith and high aims. *His mission* helped ours. We feel the weaker to-day not only because a fellow officer has been taken from us, but because a *fellow helper—a brother missionary* is gone. Few men in the State have had so healthful and wide an influence for good, reaching to so many homes, as did the late principal of Barre Academy, in his forty years of unpretentious, honest and faithful service as a Christian educator.

While we seek to elevate and sanctify the communities in the State by the preached gospel, we recognize with pleasure the kindred work performed by the Christian educator of youth, and hail as fellow missionaries all those who, in our institutions of learning, are seeking to build up the characters of their pupils on the foundations of truth as revealed in God's Word.

Many of our churches have better ministers, better deacons, better Sabbath-school superintendents and teachers, more intelligent and efficient members, and are stronger in knowledge and faith as the result of Dr. Spaulding's faithful discharge of his mission.

It seems meet that we also make mention to-day of two aged servants who lately left us, neither of whose voices have, for some years, been heard in our Christian assemblies, but both of whom performed many years of self-denying and fruitful service with the feeble churches in Vermont.

Rev. Jacob Clark, the life-long, discreet, faithful, and beloved pastor of the church in Morgan, was, thirty years ago, a man of acknowledged worth and influence in Orleans County, and did much to strengthen the feeble churches there. His memory is still fragrant among them.

Rev. Stillman Morgan, during about the same period, as Colporteur of the Bible and Tract Societies, or with a commission from the American Sunday School Union, or the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, traversed and retraversed all the destitute towns and unfrequented communities on our mountain sides. He established Sabbath schools, distributed the Word of God, preached in log school-houses and, in his ready, quaint, and earnest way talked of Christ, and commended Him in families never before visited by a minister.

Both of these fathers, each in his own way, having served his generation according to the will of God, and patiently waited the Master's call to the heavenly mansions, have joyfully received and obeyed the welcome summons.

THE TREASURY.

Financially the year has been one of anxiety and, at times, of an over-drawn treasury. Faithful missionaries have been obliged, in some cases to wait for months, with greater or less inconvenience, for their quarterly dues. But, through the favor of God, as manifest in the bequests of the dead and the gifts of the living, we are able to report, as the result of generous offerings just at the close of the year a balance of $1037.62 in the treasury.

The report of the Treasurer shows that the receipts for the year have been:

For the Ordinary Department	$5995 18
For the Itinerant Department	1196 96
From the Fields	373 15
From legacies	1292 75
From notes and interest	1388 60
Making in all the sum of	$10246 64

which is $1690.07 more than was received from the same sources the year before.

This increase is due not to any considerable increase from collections in the churches. These have been but a little more than they were a year ago. The gain has been mainly from a legacy and from the donations of a few individuals, whose generous offerings for years have become historical in connection with our work, and carried spiritual blessings to our mission fields.

If we add to the sums received during the year the balance of $371.84, which was in the treasury at the beginning of the year, we have a total of resources of $10618.48.

The disbursements have been:

In the Ordinary Department	$8990 23
In the Itinerant Department	590 63
Leaving in the treasury a balance of	1037 62

There have been sent from the churches of the State to the American Home Missionary Society, during the year, $1556.57, a sum less by $3662.57 than was sent the year before.

The whole amount gained from all sources, for both State and National work, has been $11803.21, which is $1971.60 less than was reported a year ago. The falling off has been in the amount sent directly to the National Society.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The following tables will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields occupied during the year by the Ordinary and Itinerant departments, with brief notices of each:

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2	Alburgh	Richard Hicks,	June 1, 1879	12	150	12	3	2	0	1	0	0	62	13	24	100	95	$5 00	15 00
3	Arlington East	Julius C. McCollom,	Jan. 1, 1880	12	200	12	5	3	0	1	1	0	45	7	3	80	65	11 50	15 00
4	Braintree Hill	Augustus Alvord,	July 1, 1879	12	200	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	20	7	20	30	25	5 75	15 00
5	Braintree E. & Brookfi'd W.	Charles H. Covell,	June 1, 1879	12	125	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	49	15	10	100	95	5 00	2 00
6	Bridgewater	Frederick Newport,	Feb. 1, 1880	12	250	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	32	14	17	80	67	0	7 00
7	Cambridgeport	Amos Holbrook,	Dec. 1, 1879	12	100	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	25	7	7	65	75	3 58	0
8	Charleston West	William T. Herrick,	June 1, 1879	12	125	12	0	0	1	1	2	0	64	24	19	100	130	57 50	132 30
9	Colchester	Alanson S. Barton,	Jan. 1, 1880	12	150	12	2	2	2	1	1	0	42	9	15	65	75	33 75	33 27
10	Danby	Lucian D. Mears,	April 1, 1880	12	200	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	13	4	10	46	71	9 00	4 63
11	Dorset East	James L. Harrington,	July 1, 1879	12	175	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	10	1	98	86	14 00	28 00
12	Gaysville	John Hay,	May 1, 1880	12	150	11	0	0	0	2	2	0	39	13	14	70	65	12 00	5 00
13	Granby & Victory	Charles Duren,	May 1, 1880	12	200	12	0	1	0	2	2	0	29	11	5	40	67	13 73	40 26
14	Greensboro	Moses Patten,	Jan. 1, 1880	12	125	12	1	2	0	0	2	0	57	17	14	89	100	27 50	101 47
15	Guildhall	Levi G. Chase,	Dec. 1, 1878	12	175	6	2	2	3	0	0	0	39	12	18	75	70	15 15	22 00
16	Hartland	Caleb M. Winch,	Mar. 1, 1880	12	175	3	0	0	5	0	2	0	42	5	4	62	68	11 88	0
17	Holland	John Frazer,	Sept. 1, 1879	12	125	9	0	1	1	0	1	0	28	10	5	70	70	5 25	27 36
18	Hubbardton	John C. Edgar,	July 1, 1879	12	125	11	3	3	3	1	1	0	60	20	12	80	97	4 00	0
		Charles C. Torrey,	June 1, 1879	..	.....	6	2	2	0	1	0	0	14	4	3	60	40	.....	22 00

20	Jamaica	Orrin G. Baker,	Jan.	1,	1880	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	19	5	73	75	12	00	30	71
21	Kirby	Herbert R. Howes,	Sept.	1,	1878	12	150	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	20	11	8	33	32	6	50	5	00
		Reuben D. Osgood,	Oct.	1,	1879	8	90	8															
22	Ludlow	George H. French,	Mar.	1,	1880	2	20	11	2	7	1	3	1	2	66	19	43	80	128	23	51	55	01
23	Lyndonville	William P. Bennett,	Mar.	1,	1879	12	175	9	0	0	1	1	1	0	63	20	23	100	150	15	00	.....	
24	Marshfield	Paul H. Pitkin,	Feb.	1,	1880	12	200	12	5	4	0	0	2	0	39	13	10	66	60	24	00	17	00
25	Middletown	Osborn Myrick,	Nov.	1,	1879	12	125	12	1	1	1	0	1	0	65	28	22	125	129	13	00	18	00
26	Montgomery Centre	Elias W. Hatch,	June	1,	1879	12	100	12	0	1	0	1	1	0	28	11	10	46	50	3	00	17	95
27	Morgan	William T. Herrick,	June	1,	1879	12	50	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	3	4	80	75	12	50	7	00
28	Newbury West	Amzi B. Lyon,	June	1,	1879	12	175	12	0	2	0	0	0	0	42	18	8	75	80	15	00	37	29
29	Orange	James L. Harrington,	July	1,	1879	12	175	1	..	...	...	.	..	..	.	..	..	...	..	.....		.....		
30	Plainfield	Clark E. Ferrin,	Oct.	1,	1879	12	200	12	7	7	2	0	1	0	36	14	8	63	70	.....		5	00
31	Pomfret	William A. Remele,	June	1,	1879	12	100	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	39	15	6	75	60	7	40	.....	
32	Ripton	Cephas H. Kent,	June	1,	1879	12	....	4	0	2	0	4	0	0	38	17	0	55	26	.....		.....	
		James A. Divine,	Mar.	1,	1880	12	200	3															
33	Rochester	Sylvester S. Grinnell,	Nov.	1,	1878	12	100	5	9	4	1	2	0	0	20	25	23	140	80	.....		.....	
34	Roxbury	Alden Ladd,	Oct.	1,	1878	12	300	4	17	0	1	1	0	0	41	18	15	110	105	33	00	22	50
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35	Royalton South	Sidney K. B. Perkins,	Sept.	1,	1879	12	175	12	0	0	0	1	2	0	52	16	4	95	110	15	00	13	60
36	Saxton's River	Amos Holbrook,	Nov.	1,	1878	12	25	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	27	12	90	123	7	70	47	00
37	St. Johnsbury Centre	Joseph Hammond,	July	1,	1879	12	200	12	4	0	0	0	1	0	44	17	40	80	60	25	00	11	00
38	Stowe	John G. Hale,	June	1,	1879	12	100	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	63	20	17	100	120	25	00	124	75
39	Strafford	Henry Cummings,	Sept.	1,	1879	12	100	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	48	16	7	65	80	31	00	80	00
40	Sudbury	Edward F. Abbott,	May	1,	1879	12	200	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	3	8	104	94	16	00	2	00
41	Townshend West	Christopher J. Switzer,	May	1,	1880	12	175	12	2	0	0	1	0	0	56	13	6	75	70	11	00	6	74
42	Troy	Collins J. Burnham,	Oct.	1,	1879	12	130	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	2	0	50	30	10	75	5	75
43	Tunbridge	George W. Osgood,	Jan.	1,	1880	12	200	12	0	0	0	8	0	0	32	11	6	37	30	4	73	17	40
44	Wardsboro South	Royal D. Metcalf,	June	1,	1879	12	200	12	15	0	0	1	1	1	36	10	15	55	60	8	50	6	48
45	West Fairlee	William Schofield,	Mar.	1,	1880	12	180	12	6	4	5	3	2	0	60	30	10	85	70	12	00	26	50
46	Williston	Frederick W. Olmsted,	July	1,	1879	12	100	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	42	16	20	50	65	10	00	48	50
47	Weston	Joseph R. Flint,	June	1,	1879	12	200	12	0	0	3	0	1	0	37	15	2	40	45	12	00	3	00
48	Wolcott	Chauncey J. Richardson,	Mar.	1,	1880	12	250	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	44	15	28	60	100	0		6	00
49	Winooski	Ariel A. Baker,	Jan.	1,	1879	12	100	7	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		.....	
50	Woodbury	Herbert R. Howes,	Dec.	1,	1879	12	200	6	2	0	0	0	1	0	57	19	3	70	60	3	00	0	
51	Worcester	Philo H. Carpenter,	June	1,	1879	12	200	12	7	7	3	2	0	0	35	9	21	70	60	11	25	6	38

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19	Island Pond	Charles C. Torrey, W. L. Bond, Spencer Bonnell,	June 1, 1879 / ..... / April 1, 1880	.. / 12 / ..	.... / 200 /	6 / 4 / 2	2 / .. / 2	2 / ... / 0	0 / ... / 0	1 / ... / 1	0 / ... / 2	0 / ... / 0	14 / ... / 9	4 / ... / 3	3 / ... / 2	60 / ... / 65	40 / ... / 35	..... / .. / 5 00	22 00 / ..... / .....

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34	Roxbury	Alden Ladd,	Oct.	1,	1878	12	300	4	17	0	1	1	0	0	41	18	15	110	105	33	00	22	50
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38	Stowe	John G. Hale,	June	1,	1879	12	100	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	63	20	17	100	120	25	00	124	75
39	Strafford	Henry Cummings,	Sept.	1,	1879	12	100	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	48	16	7	65	80	31	00	80	00
40	Sudbury	Edward F. Abbott,	May	1,	1879	12	200	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	3	8	104	94	16	00	2	00
41	Townshend West	Christopher J. Switzer,	May	1,	1880	12	175	12	2	0	0	1	0	0	56	13	6	75	70	11	00	6	74
42	Troy	Collins J. Burnham,	Oct.	1,	1879	12	130	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	2	0	50	30	10	75	5	75
43	Tunbridge	George W. Osgood,	Jan.	1,	1880	12	200	12	0	0	0	8	0	0	32	11	6	37	30	4	73	17	40
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48	Wolcott	Chauncey J. Richardson,	Mar.	1,	1880	12	250	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	44	15	28	60	100	0		6	00
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THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBANY. A good degree of prosperity has been experienced during the year. The Congregation and Sabbath school have both been larger than they were the year before. The finances of the church have been well attended to. Rev. S. W. Chapin, on account of his health, deems it best for him to close his labors with the end of his year. The church is in a much better condition than it was when he came among them.

2. ALBURGH. The usual lights and shadows of a country parish have been experienced. "Special prayer meetings appointed by the church, a circular conference held in the winter and a visit from some Gospel Workers from St. Albans, were times of great spiritual refreshing." Considerable out-district work has been done, the pastor preaching at two localities besides at the centre. The interest and one installment of the parsonage debt has been paid. The pastor taught, for a term, a High School which brought him into intimate relations to the young people.

3. ARLINGTON EAST. This church has been bereaved in the death of Dea. Asa Baldwin, who for many years had been a faithful officer in the church. The business and financial aspects of the community are more encouraging.

4. BRAINTREE HILL. This church has been supplied with preaching by an acting pastor. The limited field and smallness of the congregation led him to desire another place of labor. Not feeling strong enough to couple with this, the church in the other part of the town, he accepted an invitation to minister to a church in New Hampshire. It seems very desirable that this small church should, together with the one at East Braintree and West Brookfield be served by one minister. By so doing they can support a minister without aid, and save from three to four hundred dollars of missionary funds for the other needy churches.

5. BRAINTREE EAST AND WEST BROOKFIELD. Rev. C. H. Covell closed his labors here on the first of December. The church are now employing a minister of another denomination, residing out of town, to preach for them. This is an experiment seldom adding to the strength of a church, but often tending to weaken and divide it. It is almost always a mistaken policy to resort to it. We hope at no distant day this church and the one on Braintree Hill may be yoked under some efficient laborer.

6. BRIDGEWATER. The thought and efficiency of this church have been devoted, through the year, to the erection of a new house of worship. Mr. E. P. Armstrong, who labored with them from June to January, by his energy and executive ability, aided much in securing a subscription and obtaining help from friends outside of the parish. The church building is well on towards completion. Mr. F. Newport is now ministering to them.

7. CAMBRIDGEPORT. Rev. A. Holbrook has continued to minister to this church in connection with Saxton's River.

8. CHARLESTON WEST. A serious loss has been sustained by the death of Dr. G. A. Hinman, an officer and a pillar in the church. Others have removed from town whose absence is much felt by the church.

9. COLCHESTER. The missionary reports a more hopeful outlook at the close of the year, than for two years before.

10. DANBY. A hard field, in which error is strongly entrenched. Much patient labor is required, and is being put forth. Some progress is made in sowing, and in due time—*God's time*—a harvest is expected.

11. DORSET EAST. Rev. J. L. Harrington has labored here through the year. New hymn books have been secured. Attendance on public worship has been good. It is a good indication that some of the people are discussing the question of asking for less aid, if not of sustaining preaching without any outside help.

12. GAYSVILLE. Meetings with preaching have been sustained through the year. There is but little of change to be reported. There have been some conferences looking toward a union of this and the Bethel church in sustaining one minister between them, but the way did not seem quite prepared for it.

13. GRANBY AND VICTORY. Some repairs are reported on the house of worship. New hymn books have been introduced. Meetings well attended. Sabbath school interesting. One member of the church preparing for the ministry.

14. GREENSBORO. Meetings are sustained in out-districts in summer. Serious losses by death and removals are reported, especially among the young.

15. GUILDHALL. In December, much to the regret of the people, Rev. L. G. Chase left them. Previous to his going five persons were

received to church membership, and $575 were raised to liquidate the debt on the parsonage. The church have engaged the services of Rev. S. W. Chapin who will enter upon his work with them this month.

16. HARTLAND. This church were without meetings till February, when Rev. C. M. Winch commenced labor with them. Since then the attendance has been increasing, and present prospects are encouraging. It is expected that Mr. Winch will be installed at an early day.

17. HOLLAND. The missionary writes, "Gospel ordinances have been maintained during the whole year by the aid of your society. But for this the meeting-house would have been closed and the members scattered 'as sheep not having a shepherd.'" An unhappy division which commenced some years ago has weakened the church and tended to hinder its spiritual growth. It seems to be more united, devoted and prayerful this year. More has been raised for the support of the gospel and for benevolent objects than before. I cannot help regarding our prospects as more encouraging than for two or three years past.

18. HUBBARDTON. The missionary says in his report, "Hubbardton is much the same as all 'Old county townships,' the aged dying off, the young drifting away from us, and as a consequence, the church, numerically, can make little progress. Still the lamp of the Lord is kept burning in this branch of Zion, and I feel that God has blessed our efforts during the past twelve months. The Sabbath-school seems to have taken on new life. Prayer meetings are well sustained, and profitable. The church have paid me promptly, and this, when the salary is so small, is a great help."

19. ISLAND POND. Rev. C. C. Torrey closed his labors January 1st. He was followed by Mr. W. L. Bond for a few months. Rev. S. R. Bonnell is now engaged for a year.

20. JAMAICA. Faithful work has been performed with some hopeful indications. The financial affairs of the parish have been attended to with more promptness than the year before.

21. KIRBY. Rev. H. R. Howes left in September. Previously there was some special religious interest, and the only young man in the congregation who was a non-professor, expressed a hope in Christ, and has since united with the church. Rev. R. D. Osgood, now min-

istering to this church, speaks of it as a *live* church, all being ready to take part in their social meetings.

22. LUDLOW. A few cases of hopeful conversion have occurred. This church has again suffered great financial loss by the removal of several of its most wealthy families. Its ability to raise a living salary has been greatly diminished, and the missionary closed his labors.

23. LYNDONVILLE. Rev. M. P. Bennett closed his labors in March. A church of another denomination has been organized in this small village, disturbing somewhat the harmony that had existed, and leading temporarily to some strife. The rules of Christian comity seem to have been ignored or violated by inviting and receiving members from the Congregational church without letters of dismission and recommendation. The cause of Christ gains nothing by a disregard of the principles of good order and Christian love, but, on the other hand, suffers as the result. The church has paid $350 of its building debt during the year. It is to be hoped that this church, and that at East Burke, will soon find a faithful and efficient minister who will minister to them both.

24. MARSHFIELD. The year has been one of harmony, and a gain has been made in the membership of the church and the size of the congregation.

25. MIDDLETOWN. Two hundred dollars have been expended in the purchase of an organ and carpets. The Second Adventists have organized a church in a village where three other churches existed.

26. MONTGOMERY CENTRE. The missionary divides his services between this and the church at East Berkshire. Nothing of special interest is reported.

27. MORGAN. The venerable Jacob S. Clark, pastor of this church from January 11, 1827, till his death December 27, 1879, has gone to his reward. After 1864 he performed no pastoral service here. Rev. W. T. Herrick continues to supply this church every other Sabbath. They have suffered the loss of one of their deacons and his family within the year.

28. NEWBURY WEST. No changes or matters of interest reported.

29. ORANGE. This church have continued their meetings, though without a pastor most of the year. They have secured the services of Mr. A. M. Masonheimer for a year.

30. PLAINFIELD. Special meetings were held here in November under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Y. M. C. A. The missionary reports the instruction given at those meetings as excellent, and the impressions made as good. Quite a number expressed purposes to live Christian lives. Through the kindness of friends funds have been received with which to purchase new hymn books, and fit up a room for social meetings in the basement of the church.

31. POMFRET. Preaching has been sustained through the year, with increased congregations.

32. RIPTON. Rev. Cephas H. Kent, the worthy and venerable pastor of this church since 1861, was obliged, from the failure of his health, to resign his work in September. The people parted with their pastor with great sorrow of heart. In closing his report he writes, "I would in my behalf and in behalf of the church, express my thanks to the Missionary Society and to its Secretary for the uniform sympathy, kindness and help extended to us during those eighteen years. I would fain hope that in the future there may be more fruitage from the sowing than has appeared in the past. Praying that the blessing of God may be upon the Society and its Directors and Secretary, and upon the aided churches, I take leave of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society as its missionary." After the removal of Father Kent the church was without preaching most of the time till the first of March, when they secured the services of Rev. J. A. Devine for a year.

33. ROCHESTER. At the close of the year for which aid was asked the church voluntarily assumed the support of their pastor. They received some additions during the year, and do not expect to need further aid.

34. ROXBURY. Rev. A. Ladd was dismissed in December, after a pastorate of about sixteen years, which was of great value to the church and town. Rev. C. H. Covell succeeded him in December. Gospel meetings were held during the winter with considerable manifestation of interest. Several expressed hope in Christ, but none, to the present date, have united with the church.

35. ROYALTON SOUTH. An out-district meeting has been established. The Sabbath school is prosperous, and the church seem to be in a healthy religious condition.

36. SAXTON'S RIVER. This church has voluntarily assumed self-support.

37. St. Johnsbury Centre. The village has increased in population, and the congregation is somewhat larger. The church is exerting a good influence in the community.

38. Stowe. This is a liberal church, giving freely to the general objects of Christian benevolence, but for a year past have not seen how they could sustain their minister without a little aid.

39. Strafford. Though there have been no marked evidences of outward growth during the year, all the services of the church have been efficiently sustained, and the seed has been sown in hope of reaping in due time. One young man is preparing for the ministry.

40. Sudbury. Rev. E. F. Abbott closed his labors here near the end of the year. The church are anxious to secure a seccessor immediately. It being the only church in the town, it is important that preaching be sustained by them.

41. Townshend West. The missionary writes, "I have preached about ninety-two sermons in the course of the year in the church, and besides have preached in turn in a school house about a mile and a half distant from the village."

42. Troy. The church has been regularly supplied since September last, in union with the church in Westfield. The missionary reports: "The church has been partly carpeted. A slight debt for last year's repairs has been paid. Horse sheds are in process of erection. My salary has been paid promptly. The people seem to be in good courage. A good feeling exists between this church and the one in Westfield, so that my position as preacher in both is unembarrassed."

43. Tunbridge. The church has, with much effort, been at work thoroughly repairing and refurnishing their house of worship. In this great work they have received substantial and much needed aid from friends and churches in the State. They hope soon to return to their old place of worship. The inconvenient place they had to meet in for some months past has been unfavorable to a full congregation.

44. Wardsboro South. The missionary speaks in high estimation of the labors of brethren F. L. Small, A. B. Riggs and J. T. Quimby, who held gospel meetings with his church under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Y. M. C. A. to the profit of the church and the conversion of souls. The missionary has been ordained and installed, and expects to preach during the coming year

on the afternoon of each Sabbath at the meeting house in the north part of the town. This is a wise arrangement.

45. WEST FAIRLEE. A new deacon has been chosen to fill the place of one who is laid aside by age from the active duties of his office. Repairs have been made on the parsonage.

46. WILLISTON. The population in this town and the membership of the church are considerably less than they were years ago. A belief in the doctrine of Universal Salvation prevails to a considerable extent in the town, as it does in many others in Vermont; the effect of which seems to be unfavorable to Evangelical religion, and leads men to be indifferent to the cultivation of personal religion and to the sustaining of public worship. The missionary has suffered much from facial neuralgia.

47. WESTON. In the early part of the year the church settled the missionary as a pastor, and the prospects of the church seem more hopeful than for some years.

48. WOLCOTT. After a suspension of meetings for some months the church secured the services of Rev. C. J. Richardson. He has entered with energy upon his work and, by patient continuance, he hopes in due time to see good fruits.

49. WINOOSKI. Rev. A. A. Baker closed his labors January first. The church is weak and the population of the place fluctuating. They are at present supplied by a minister residing in Burlington.

50. WOODBURY. The place of worship has been made more attractive by some repairs. New Hymn books have been adopted, being a present from a church in St. Johnsbury. Meetings are being held part of the time at South Woodbury, and there is a prospect that the meeting house there may soon be open for public worship.

51. Partly as the result of help from gospel workers, there was considerable religious interest here in the early winter. As the result the church have received some addition, and their hearts have been encouraged.

TABULAR VIEW OF ITINERANT FIELDS.

No.	FIELDS AND MISSIONARIES.	BEGAN.	Weeks of Labor.	Weekly Salary.	Travelling Expenses.	Amount Paid. By the People.	Amount Paid. By the Society.	Amount Paid. Total.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath School.	Hopeful Conversions.
1	BRIDGEWATER								70	60	2
	Edward P. Armstrong	June 1, 1879	31	$7 00	.....	$52 86	$186 00	$217 00	...	..	..
2	BRUNSWICK & MAIDSTONE.								40	40	..
	Leonard B. Tenney	May 22, 1879	10	8 00	$2 00	.....	90 00	90 00	...	..	..
3	CALAIS EAST.								60	40	..
	Pliny B. Fisk	May 21, 1879	5	7 00	9 50	14 00	30 50	44 50	...	..	..
4	CAMBRIDGE CENTRE								75	58	..
	Calvin B. Moody	May 16, 1879	16	7 00	8 60	107 25	.....	107 25	...	..	..
5	HOLLAND								60	28	3
	William Coburn	May 25, 1879	8	7 00	10 00	49 00	17 00	66 00	...	..	..
6	ORANGE								70	60	6
	J. P. Humphrey		3	10 00	.....	15 00	15 00	30 00	...	..	..
	R. C. Lansing		3	10 00	.....	15 00	15 00	30 00	...	..	..
	L. B. Tenney	April 3, 1880	3	10 00	.....	15 00	15 00	30 00	...	..	..
7	SANDGATE								60	28	..
	C. H. Coolidge	Mar. 15, 1879	37	5 00	.....	150 00	111 00	261 00	...	..	..
8	SHERBURNE								50	28	..
	Pliny B. Fisk	May 23, 1880	2	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	..
9	WARREN								75	60	..
	Clifford H. Smith	May 23, 1880	2	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	..
10	WATERVILLE								130	75	..
	Calvin B. Moody	August, 1879	3	7 00	.....	2 40	.....	.....	...	..	..
11	WARDSBORO NORTH								50	20	..
	Pliny B. Fisk	June 28, 1879	12	7 00	5 50	11 25	78 25	89 50	...	..	..

ITINERANT FIELDS.

1. **Bridgewater.** On the first of January this church secured a minister and now is placed, for the first time, in the Ordinary department. Under many discouragements, and at times almost without hope, we have labored to cultivate this field and, in the results, God has taught us to trust Him, to sow the seed patiently, faithfully, and leave the time of harvest to Him.

2. **Brunswick and Maidstone.** This was our first effort in this region. The difficulties are great. There are but few Christians in these towns. They are not settled much, back from the river. The people have no habits of going to meeting, only habits of staying at home. They do not feel the duty and importance of sustaining and attending upon public worship. They have no houses consecrated to public worship. School houses have to be used instead. An interest has to be created in religion and religious duties. Our experiment was, perhaps, as successful as could have been expected. The seed must be sown and hard, patient labor put forth before we can look for much fruit. The missionary was kindly received, and was encouraged by the attendance on religious services.

3. CALAIS EAST. The labors of the missionary were cut short here by reason of the Universalists, who are part owners in the house of worship, engaging a minister to preach for them. As there was no other place near where the student could preach a part of the time, it was thought best to withdraw from the field for the present.

4. CAMBRIDGE CENTRE. At the request of the people a student was furnished the congregation worshiping here for the summer. The attendance was good. The entire expenses were paid by the people.

5. HOLLAND. In the lack of a minister this church applied for a student. His term of service was not as long as was expected as the result of an accident which befell him. They have now an ordained minister laboring with them.

6. ORANGE. Through the most of the year this church had no minister with them, though they were constantly seeking for one. Meetings were held regularly on the Sabbath, and the social meetings were well attended. Some assistance was rendered them by providing them with preaching occasionally. Gospel meetings were held among them with profit to the church, and resulting in the conversion of some souls.

7. SANDGATE. Mr. Coolidge labored with this little church for most of the year. He expects to spend some time in a Theological Seminary to qualify him for further service.

8. SHERBURNE. This town affords an inviting field for missionary work. There are several Christian people, of different denominations, residing in town, though much scattered. They have cordially united in sustaining the student sent them.

9. WARREN. The people here have again called for congregational preaching, and a student has been sent them for the summer. It would be a most hopeful field if the Christian people, of whom there are a good many would unite together in *one* organization. They have only one house of worship in the village, and all the people should consent to unite in one church body—either Free Baptists, Methodists or Congregationalists. By so doing they would increase greatly their power for good.

10. WATERVILLE. The missionary who labored at Cambridge Centre during the last few Sabbaths of his stay there, preached on Sabbath afternoons at Waterville. If this church were situated nearer some other weak church, they might hope by uniting with it

to have preaching regularly a part of the time. As it is it is very difficult to provide preaching for them.

11. WARDSBORO NORTH. As the result of an earnest petition from persons dwelling in this locality a student was sent to labor with them last summer. They were very anxious to have a church organized there, and called a council to have their case considered and, if deemed best, to organize them into a church. The council considered their numbers too few, their pecuniary ability too small, and the field too limited to form any hope of their ever becoming a self-sustaining church. Moreover, they thought that the Congregational Church already existing in town should cultivate this field by allowing their minister to preach a sermon here every Sabbath, and so have one church with two places of worship. This plan will probably be adopted.

SUMMARY.

WORK AND RESULTS.

Sixty-two fields have been cared for by this Society during the year, twelve of which were connected with the Itinerant Department. Sixty laborers have sowed the good seed of the kingdom, watched the springing thereof and watered it with their prayers and their personal influence. One thousand eight hundred and ninety believers have thus enjoyed the blessing of an open sanctuary, and been permitted to dwell in the house of the Lord. An aggregate congregation of four thousand five hundred and twenty have weekly listened to the great truths of God's word, been taught the way of salvation through a crucified Redeemer, and had anew the great duty of life enforced upon their attention. Instruction has been given to three thousand four hundred and seventy-eight persons gathered in Sabbath schools to study, each for himself, the inspired Word.

One hundred and three souls have been hopefully brought to accept of Christ as their Prophet, Priest and King. One hundred and five have been received into church membership—fifty-nine of them on confession of faith. By dismissions, deaths and exclusions eighty-five members have been removed, leaving a net gain of twenty mem-

bers. Mindful of the Saviour's declaration that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," these aided churches have contributed for benevolent objects during the year, $1767.35; $670.50 of which was for home missions.

CHANGES.

Three churches aided a year ago have assumed self-support, and expect to go on without help, viz: Saxton's River, Rochester, and Essex Junction. The church in Vershire, once one of the strong churches in Orange county, but which has been without a minister for twenty years, has resumed public worship and is seeking a pastor. The church in Ludlow has suffered serious pecuniary losses during the year. Pastors have been settled in two of the weaker churches, viz: Weston and South Wardsboro.

There has been within the year a change of ministers in seventeen churches, two only of which had settled pastors, viz: Ripton and Roxbury. The term of service of these two pastors was respectively eighteen and sixteen years. One of them,—father Kent, has not been formally dismissed, but, by reason of age and infirmity, he has resigned his work. The average length of the fifteen acting pastorates that terminated during the year, was a fraction over two years each. Only one reached five years, and five continued for only a year each. In comparing these seventeen churches, the ordinary observer, at least, could discover no reason, in the nature of the case, why the two that settled their pastors should have enjoyed, during so many years, a permanent ministry and the others should have changed so frequently, some of them having had in the same time seven or eight different acting pastors, besides some periods of destitution of a year or more in length. The salary in both these parishes was small. They are not in attractive localities. One being in a poor and rocky agricultural town, the other lying high up the side of the Green Mountains ten miles from the railroad. Why did the settled pastors remain so much longer than the acting pastors? Was it owing to the fact of settlement? Or to the character of the men? Or to the stability of the churches? Or to the special adaptedness of pastor to people? Or, what may be probable, did not all these combined contribute to the result? We think this, at least, is true in these two cases, that the pastors settled with a desire and purpose to continue to labor in their chosen fields so long as God should give them the privilege of doing so, and that the churches received their pastors with a desire and purpose to retain them permanently. With such purposes on both sides, with mutual watchfulness, co-operation

and forbearance, they dwelt together with mutual respect and advantage. There can be little doubt that the experience of these churches, in the settled order that has prevailed in them, has been far better than it could have been under a frequent change of ministers. One of the great obstacles in the way of the growth and efficiency of our feeble churches is the succession of grass-hopper acting-pastorates that alternately excite and depress rather than nourish and edify them. These frequent changes result in part, no doubt, from the smallness and uncertainty of the salary the churches can guarantee. But sometimes also it is believed from a restless spirit on the part of both ministers and churches—a dissatisfaction with what is possible for them, and a constant hope by change to secure the impossible—the *ideal* parish or minister.

EXPENDITURES BY COUNTIES.

The appropriations paid during the year, to sustain the feeble churches in the State, have been, by Conferences, as follows:

To churches	in Addison Conference	$116
"	in Bennington Conference	487
"	in Caledonia Conference	481
"	in Chittenden Conference	308
"	in Essex Conference	462
"	in Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	250
"	in Lamoille Conference	162
"	in Orange Conference	917
"	in Orleans Conference	711
"	in Rutland Conference	650
"	in Washington Conference	980
"	in Windham Conference	650
"	in Windsor Conference	1098

In only four Conferences, viz: Addison, Caledonia, Chittenden, and Franklin and Grand Isle, were the contributions from the churches in excess of the amount paid to the feeble churches in the bounds of those Conferences. The smallest amount $162,—was expended in Lamoille Conference, the largest $1098,—in the Conference in this County.

The largest amount paid to any church was $300, and that to only a single church. The smallest amount was $50. The average sum paid to the churches was $165, which is two dollars less than the average paid the year before.

The average salary of the missionaries has been $516, which is $28.00 smaller than the average salary reported a year ago. In about half of the cases the missionary has the use of a parsonage in addition to his salary.

ITINERANT FIELDS.

In the Itinerant Department eleven laborers have been employed in twelve different towns. The church in Bridgewater was supplied till the first of January. Then this church, which we have nursed by this agency for the past twenty years, called a man of their own selection, and it has been transferred to the Ordinary Department. During the year this little church which, by the grace of God had renewed its strength, have, through their own free will offerings, and the generous gifts of kind friends, erected a neat and attractive house of worship which is completed all except the furnishing and putting in of the pews and church furniture. As their funds are exhausted, and they do not wish to incur a debt, they are waiting to raise the needed $300 or $400 to finish it so that it can be dedicated free of debt. Who is able and willing to give them this needed aid?

The little church in Sandgate, which has not had a regular minister of its own for several years before, has been supplied most of the past year. Some pioneer work was done last summer in Essex County, a young man having been employed ten weeks in preaching in the school houses and a summer boarding house in Maidstone and Brunswick. No other religious services were held in the towns. This is a much needed work, and we hope to take it up again the present summer. Laborers were also employed in Holland, East Calais, Orange, Jeffersonville and North Wardsboro. At the request of the people students are now preaching at Warren and Sherburne.

COUNTRY PARISHES.

The work of keeping up the churches in our country towns is one that is very likely to be undervalued and neglected. There is no romance about it. Nothing in it to appeal strongly to our feelings, as do some features of the foreign work, and even of the frontier home missionary work. We know perhaps many of these quiet, and in our estimation, unattractive and monotonous little parishes. Nothing occurs in them from one year's end to another that goes into the Boston JOURNAL, or stirs the busy world outside. The plain people who dwell in them perform their round of daily service, and nothing appears in their condition to call for special sympathy or help, or to show that they are of any account in the world. But we need to keep in mind that there are souls in them worth saving, that all this quiet that rests upon them, the healthful influences in them which come from communion with nature, are the very best possible conditions and influences, if supplemented by the teachings of religion, to

ıld the minds and hearts of the young, and fit them for great and ıle deeds. And so we see one and another of the children born in se places distinguishing themselves, for physical force, mental ckness, and a determined energy. They seek the high school in neighboring town; against great obstacles press their way through ege, and take the first rank in the learned professions. They are lue time found in the pulpit, preaching the gospel to a city con-gation, or in a mission field, at the bar, or on the judge's bench; he statesman's seat; or, as merchants or business men command-the respect and service of many—the leaders in society. Is it a tter of no small importance what are the moral and religious influ-es predominant in these unobserved country places? whether those) grow up in them, through right religious training, become imbued, arly life, with the truths of God's word, and with reverence for ir Maker, and so become builders, wherever they go, of church and te? Or, whether, by a disregard of God, nurtured in them ough neglect of early religious training, they become giants in sin l wickedness?

n regard to the importance of the country minister's work, and of value of the country church, let us take the testimony of a man thorough culture and clear judgment, as he reflected on the matter le stopping for a summer in one of our own little parishes where attended the little country church, and had an opportunity of ob-ving a humble country pastor and his flock.

Prof. Austin Phelps, of Andover, in writing to the ADVANCE from ad-Loaf Inn, in Ripton, two years ago, says, "Father Kent has ached for sixteen years here to an average audience of from sixty ighty. From that humble yet lofty scholar's home one son has ıe to the work of a home missionary at the West, another son to office of a Western merchant, a daughter to the home of another rmont pastor, and a daughter remains to cheer the parsonage. It s to have trained and sent forth to the world's needy places one h family. But how about the *church?* Does that pay? Yes, of seventy-five hearers on a bright Sunday in July, I observed that re than one half were children and youth. To them it was in itself ermon to see the tall form and hoary head in the pulpit; to listen his prayers; to sing the old hymns of the church, even though it re from 'Watts and Select.' The limpid, logical, solid sermon, to ich, perhaps, an association of scholars listened with profit a nth ago, gives to these young people some of the ripest thinking the age. One thought now and another then, gradually builds up

in them such character as has made New England what she *is* and what we trust she *is to be* forever. They will carry it all over the land, from Boston to San Francisco."

".New York and Chicago cannot afford to part with these churches. Some of the future princes are here now among these barefoot children. Lawyers, educators, clergymen, journalists, to be known to future fame, and their wives as well, are now here. It pays to give them good preaching; to erect before them a decent and scholarly pulpit; to build into their youthful reminiscences the associations of a Christian sanctuary in which the services of religion have been conducted with good taste, and made fragrant with the sanctity of a good man's blessing. The Apostolic benediction, to which I listened, last Sunday, was an educating and sanctifying power, the momentary impress of which a man might well carry to his grave. Yes, let all the people in glad acclaim, thank God for these humble churches."

To the keeping up of these institutions of God's building, in which He makes His dwelling and manifests the hidings of his power, let us cheerfully consecrate our free will offerings, and see to it that no little church in our State languishes, through our neglect, and no child grows up, whose character shall not feel the moulding power of the gospel of Christ proclaimed to him in the little church or school house hard by his early home.

OUR NATIONAL WORK.

While we are faithful to our State wants let us also remember the spiritual needs of our great and wide country, and the vast work that needs to be done in our Western territories and on the Pacific slope. For this work, constantly crying for more men, more means, more energy, self-sacrifice and devotion, let us, with faith in God and in His appointed means of grace, provide liberal things. The rapid hurrying of emigrants, in companies such as never have been seen before, toward the western prairies and gold bearing mountains; the springing up of villages in a night; the forming of new centers of social life where lust and vice are unrestrained by old customs and the force of public opinion; where all the bad elements are ready to assert their right to rule—all these things admonish us to do quickly and efficiently the work of the Lord in the newly forming communities while the mass is yet plastic, and can be easily moulded after the divine pattern.

The American Home Missionary Society, to which we are auxiliary, gives the following summary of the work in the whole field during the past year:

The number of ministers of the Gospel in the service of the Society, in 33 different States and Territories, has been 1,015.

Of the whole number, 457 have been the *pastors* or *stated supplies* of single congregations; 362 have ministered in two or three congregations each; and 196 have extended their labors over still wider fields.

Four missionaries have preached to congregations of *colored* people, and 28 in foreign languages: 16 to *Welsh*, 9 to *German* congregations, two to *French* congregations, and one to congregations of *Swedes*.

The *number of congregations and missionary stations* supplied, in whole or in part, is 2,306.

The *aggregate of ministerial labor* performed is equal to 761 years.

The number of *pupils in Sunday-schools* is 96,724.

Eighty-six churches have been *organized* by the missionaries during the year, and *forty-four* have become self-supporting.

Seventy-six houses of worship have been *completed*, 107 materially *repaired*, and 17 others are in *process of erection*.

Sixty-two churches report *revivals* of religion, and 399 missionaries report 3,200 hopeful conversions.

The *additions to the churches*, as nearly as can be ascertained, have been 5,598; viz., 2,940 on profession and 2,658 by letter.

RECEIPTS—$266,720.41. EXPENDITURES—$259,709.86—leaving $3,434.22 still due to missionaries for labor performed. In addition to these past dues, appropriations already made, and daily becoming due, amount to $44,253.54—making the total of pledges $47,687.76, toward redeeming which, and to apply on other appropriations there is a BALANCE in the Treasury of $20,412.14.

In behalf of the Directors,

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary*.

ITINERANT DEPARTMENT.

BY REV. HENRY FAIRBANKS.

Rev. Henry Fairbanks presented the following facts, with which he as then Missionary Superintendent was familiar, showing how, in the early history of the Itinerant Department of this Society, the special fruitfulness of missionary labor, even in unpromising fields, was illustrated, and how the Lord by His marked favor upon it seems to call us to this work.

"Between June 1, 1837 and June 1, 1860, thirty-nine years of service are reported in this Department, mostly by Theological students working during their vacations, six or twelve weeks each, inexperienced young men among strangers, in very brief terms of service. Notwithstanding these disadvantages there are reported in these fields two hundred and fifty-one hopeful conversions, and three hundred and thirty-five additions to churches. And this, while much of the work was done in places where there were no churches, so that the fruit was ungarnered and perhaps not reported.

Having in mind always 'Who giveth the increase,' we may yet for the sake of brevity speak of results in connection with Christian labor as results of that labor, and compare the fruitfulness of various methods of work.

Comparing then so much of the results of this pioneer missionary work of students as appears in additions to churches with the results of the better work of the experienced ministers of self-supporting churches, for each year of the missionary work, we find a gain of eight and two thirds, a net gain of six church members, against a gain of eight and one third, a net gain of three to the self-supporting churches for each year of preaching.

The comparative expense of additions to the missionary and the stronger churches is equally instructive. For each net addition to the little churches in the Itinerant fields the Society paid $33.08 and the people of the place $32.27, while in the self-supporting churches each net addition answers to an expenditure of $170.31. So that if a strong church contributes through the Missionary Society one dollar to this work, this sum expended in sending a laborer to some unoccu-

pied field, induces the people of that field to raise as much more for the work that would not otherwise be contributed, and the two dollars are used by the Divine Spirit to effect more net increase of the churches of the State than five dollars expended in the support of worship at home. This besides securing that *the poor* shall sometimes hear the gospel.

The comparative percentage of increase in the two classes of churches referred to is equally interesting, and equally indicates the peculiar blessing of God in the Missionary fields.

As the other indicated the comparative effectiveness of ministerial labor, this may show roughly the success of lay effort, the increase due to the work of each member of a strong church as compared with that of each in a weak church.

During the year 1857–8 the missionary churches gained 14¾ per cent. or 11$\frac{1}{10}$ per cent. net; and the self-supporting churches 6$\frac{1}{7}$ per cent. or 1½ per cent. net.

During 1858–9 the gain in the missionary churches was 21⅝ per cent. or 15½ per cent net; in the stronger churches 10½ per cent. or 6½ per cent. net.

During 1859–60 these missionary churches gained 14 per cent. or 8⅘ per cent. net, while the self-supporting churches gained only 3⅖ per cent., a *net loss* of ⅛ per cent.

Besides these results of advance missionary work in additions to the churches during the three years under review, there was a marked gain in organized force in these fields. Two churches and a branch church were organized, averaging thirty-five members each, and one or two others were reorganized at new centres. In places where, when the missionaries were first sent, there was no effort to secure preaching, and little hope that the apparently dying churches would revive, at the end of the three years six ministers were supported entirely by the people, eight others by the people with aid from the Society, and still others were wanted. During the three years more young men had been ordained in the State than in eight or ten years before."

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 7, 1880.

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.			
BRIDPORT—Church, $55 00; Sabbath School, $10 00	$55 00	$10 00	$
CORNWALL—Sabbath School		14 00	
FERRISBURGH—A. H. M. S.	10 00		
MIDDLEBURY—Ladies' Domestic Missionary Society, $64 90; Church, $60 16	60 16	64 90	
NEW HAVEN	63 60		
SHOREHAM	15 00		
VERGENNES	35 00		
ADDISON COUNTY—"A Tithe"	6 67		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
ARLINGTON EAST	11 50		
BENNINGTON—First Church	50 00		
BENNINGTON—Second Church, to constitute Life Members of the V. D. M. S., Mrs. Alex. Drysdale, Mrs. E. H. Putnam, Mrs. S. S. Scott, Mrs. J. N. Scranton and Mrs. A. B. Valentine	94 66		
DORSET	21 75		
DORSET EAST	14 00		
MANCHESTER—Collection, $45 57; Rev. J. Anderson, $10 00	55 57		
SANDGATE			143 25
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET—Collection, $28 35; A Friend, $2 00	30 35		
BURKE EAST—Mr. C. A. Harris, to constitute himself a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	30 00		
DANVILLE	27 60		
KIRBY	6 50		
LYNDON—To constitute Rev. R. D. Osgood a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	33 78		
LYNDONVILLE—Collection, $5 00; J. W. Colby, $10 00	15 00		
PEACHAM—Collection $40 36; A Friend, $15 00	55 36		
ST. JOHNSBURY CENTRE	25 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST	15 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Collection, $267 50; A Member, $250,00	517 50		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Collection, $364 98; Thaddeus Fairbanks, $1000 00	364 98	$1000	
ST. JOHNSBURY—E. & T. Fairbanks & Co	$1000		
WATERFORD, LOWER	11 00		
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BURLINGTON—First Church, Collection, $143 00; Miss M. C. Torrey, $5 00	148 00		
BURLINGTON—Third Church	145 00		
CHARLOTTE	33 50		
COLCHESTER	53 75		
JERICHO CENTRE—Collection, $17 00; Friends, $20 00	37 00		
RICHMOND	25 00		
WILLISTON	10 00		
ESSEX COUNTY.			
BRIGHTON—Rev. C. C. Torrey	5 00		
GRANBY	14 63		
GUILDHALL	15 15		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.			
BAKERSFIELD	$11 00	$	$
BERKSHIRE EAST	9 00		
ENOSBURGH	10 75		
FAIRFIELD	6 20		
FRANKLIN—Mrs. A. E. F.	2 00		
GEORGIA	17 51		
MONTGOMERY CENTRE	5 00		
RICHFORD—Mrs. Powell	10 00		
ST. ALBANS—Collections, $164 93; Sabbath School, $46 25	211 18		
SWANTON—Collection, $10 50; Ladies' Cent Society, $13 15	10 50	13 15	
SHELDON	2 54		
GRAND ISLE COUNTY.			
Alburgh	5 00		
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
CAMBRIDGE CENTRE—Collection, $8 25; A Friend, $14 00	22 25		107 25
JOHNSON	13 00		
STOWE—Collection, $17 23; Ladies' Cent Society, $7 77	17 23	7 77	
WATERVILLE—Dea. Gilmore, $5 00	5 00		2 40
LAMOILLE COUNTY CONFERENCE		1 00	
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRADFORD	37 10		
BRAINTREE EAST	5 00		
BRAINTREE	5 75		
BROOKFIELD—First Church	13 52		
BROOKFIELD—Second Church Collection, $16 50; Sabbath School, $10 00; Y. M. C. A., $5 00	16 50	15 00	
CORINTH	16 94		
FAIRLEE	3 50		
NEWBURY—To constl. Dea. H. H. Deming a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	90 94		
NEWBURY WEST	15 00		
ORANGE			15 00
RANDOLPH	9 00		
RANDOLPH WEST	20 07		
STRAFFORD—Coll. $28 00; Sab. Sch. for Sunday Sch. work of A. H. M. S. $3 00	31 00		
THETFORD	60 20		
TUNBRIDGE	4 73		
VERSHIRE—V. Colton & Son	10 00		
WEST FAIRLEE	12 00		
WILLIAMSTOWN—($12 55 for previous year)	25 15		
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
BARTON—Collection, $20 00; Ladies' Missionary Society, $9 16	20 00	9 16	
CHARLESTON WEST—Collection, $37 50; S. A. Grover, $20 00	57 50		
CRAFTSBURY—Collection, $15 00; Rev. J. Boardman, $10 00	25 00		
DERBY	8 00		
GREENSBORO—Collection, $16 25; Rev. M. Patten and family, $20 00	36 25		
HOLLAND	5 25		49 00
LOWELL	5 00		
MORGAN	12 50		
TROY—Collection, $5 00; Ladies' Aid Society, $5 75	5 00	5 75	
WESTFIELD	5 00		
ORLEANS COUNTY CONFERENCE	15 36		
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
CLARENDON—Collection, $15 23; Mrs. N. J. Smith, $5 00	20 23		
DANBY	9 00		
FAIR HAVEN	23 00		
HUBBARDTON	4 00		
MIDDLETOWN—Collections, $12 00; A Friend, $1 00	13 00		
PITTSFORD—Collection, $54 11; M. P. Humphrey, $2 00	56 11		
RUTLAND—Collection, $133 91; A Friend, $10 00; Sabbath School, $26 65	170 56		
RUTLAND WEST—Sabbath School	35 02		
SUDBURY	16 00		
WALLINGFORD—Collection, $33 50; Ladies' Cent Society, $19 19	33 50	19 19	

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
WASHINGTON COUNTY.			
BARRE	$23 00	$	$
BERLIN—Collection, $7 21; Rev. A. Ladd, $12 00	19 21		
CABOT	8 00		
CALAIS EAST			14 00
MARSHFIELD	24 00		
MONTPELIER—Sab. Sch. $8 00; Mrs. H. A. L., $5 00; Family Contrib., $16 50	29 50		
NORTHFIELD	35 57		
ROXBURY	13 00		
WAITSFIELD—Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Joslin, to const. themselves Life Members	40 00		
WATERBURY—To const. Karl C. Wells a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	30 00		
WOODBURY	3 00		
WORCESTER	11 25		
WINDHAM COUNTY.			
BELLOWS FALLS	17 29		
BRATTLEBORO—Collection, $29 16; A Friend, $1 50	30 66		
BRATTLEBORO WEST—Coll., $35 30; Mrs. Dunsmore, $1 00; C. Powers, $0 50	36 80		
CAMBRIDGEPORT	3 58		
DUMMERSTON	6 00		
JAMAICA	12 00		
SAXTON'S RIVER	13 00		
TOWNSHEND WEST	11 00		
WARDSBORO SOUTH	8 50		
WARDSBORO NORTH			11 25
WESTMINSTER	6 00		
WESTMINSTER WEST—Coll., $25 37; Banks Fund, $2 00; A Friend, $5 00	32 37		
WINDSOR COUNTY.			
ASCUTNEYVILLE—N. & O. A. Gage	5 00		
BRIDGEWATER			21 00
CHESTER—Ladies' Cent Society		27 83	
HARTFORD	20 30		
HARTLAND—Collection, $8 88; Rev. C. M. Winch, $3 00	11 88		
LUDLOW	23 51		
NORWICH—Collections, $43 06; Sab. School, for Sunday School work, $31 94	75 00		
POMFRET	7 40		
QUECHEE—Sabbath School, $11 42; Rev. N. F. Carter, $10 00	21 42		
ROYALTON	15 00		
ROYALTON SOUTH	15 00		
SPRINGFIELD	40 64		
STOCKBRIDGE	12 00		
WESTON	12 00		
WINDSOR—To constitute Rev. Jarvis Richards, Mrs. Laura Tarby and Mrs. S. H. Freeman Life Members of the A. H. M. S.	60 00		
WOODSTOCK—Ladies' Cent Society, $22 00; Collection to constitute Hon. Julius Converse, Hon. W. C. French, Charles Montague and C. O. Thompson Life Members	199 16	22 00	
WINDSOR COUNTY CONFERENCE		5 12	
TROY, N. Y.—Rev. C. Redfield		5 00	
OTHER RECEIPTS.			
Annual Meeting at Burlington	33 67		
United States 4 per cents, Interest	28 00		
State of Maine Bonds, interest	180 00		
New Hampshire Bonds, Interest	30 00		
Withdrew from Savings Bank	500 00		
Notes and Interest	520 70		
Conn. & Pass. Rivers R. R. dividend	88 00		
Montpelier, Estate of Miss Betsey Cadwell	100 00		
Rutland, Estate of Mrs. Pamelia Rockwell	150 00		
Craftsbury, Estate of Mrs. D. W. Loomis	1042 75		
St. Johnsbury, Estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks	500 00		
From the Alvord Farm	41 90		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MERY, Treasurer,

In account with the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

DEBIT.

To cash on hand this date		$371 84
" " received from contributions—Ordinary Department		5995 18
" " " " " Itinerant "		1196 96
" " " " " Field		373 15
" " " " Bequests		1292 75
" " " " Collections, notes, and interest		1388 60
		$10,618.48

CREDIT.

tary's orders:		
nary Department	$7375 34	
rant "	590 63	
J. M. Poland, printing	151 50	
ange, foreclosure of mortgage on Alvord Farm	26 16	
C. S. Smith's Salary	1200 00	
enses	200 00	
age and Stationery	37 23	
nce to new account	1037 62	
		$10,618.48

MONTPELIER, June 7, 1880.

this day examined the above account of J. C. Emery, Treasurer of the Vermestic Missionary Society, and find vouchers for all charges made, and a n his hands to be hereafter accounted for of One Thousand thirty-seven Dollars ($1037.62.)

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

INVESTED FUNDS OF THE V. D. M. S.

Notes secured by mortgage:	$2813 30
Decree of Foreclosure of Alvord Farm	4245 51
State of Maine Bonds	3000 00
State of New Hampshire Bonds	500 00
United States Four Per Cents	700 00
Connecticut & Passumpsic River R. R. Stock	3200 00
	$13,458.81

ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY.

RECEIPTS ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY DURI THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1880, WHICH HAVE NOT PASSED THROUGH OUR TREASURY.

1879.		
June	West Randolph	$10
July	Brandon	30
	Vermont, A Lady	1
Sept.	Saxton's River	5
	Springfield, A Friend	300
	Mrs. E. D. Parks	100
	Stowe, R. A. Savage	15
	West Brattleboro	9
Oct.	Benson, Mrs. A. M. Howard	10
	Tunbridge	4
Nov.	Fayetteville	4
Dec.	Brandon	35
	Greensboro, Mrs. S. D. Pinney	10
	Lower Waterford	10
	Manchester, A. Hemenway	10
	St. Albans, Ladies, freight	5
	Wells River, Legacy of Mrs. C. Brock	249
Jan.	East Hardwick	10
	Swanton, Mrs. E. Stowe	5
	Woodstock, Ladies, freight	6
Feb.	Brookfield Second	12
	Burlington First	55
	Castleton	37
	Newbury, E. P. Keyes	30
	New Haven	32
	Pittsford, Individuals	16
	Springfield, Mrs. F. Parks	100
March	Bennington Second	18
	Brattleboro, H. Hadley	30
	Chester	11
	Middlesex, A Friend	
	Orwell, S. H. Bascome	29
	Rutland, A Friend	10
	West Brattleboro	100

pril	Lower Waterford, A Friend	$6 00
	St. Albans, J. Whittemore	100 00
	St. Johnsbury, Girls' Benevolent Circle	10 00
	Shelburne, A Friend	15 00
	Swanton, Legacy of H. B. Farrar	50 00
	Vergennes	20 00
lay	Lunenburgh, Mrs. J. Glines	1 00
	St. Johnsbury South	16 84
	West Rutland, Sunday School	35 02
		$1556 57

RECEIPTS FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Strafford, Sunday School		$3 75
Woodstock,	"	14 97
Springfield,	"	74 53
Barnet,	"	10 00
Montpelier,	"	4 00
St. Johnsbury No.	"	26 00
		$133 25

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VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

In the absence of the President of the Society, Rev. M. H. Buckn, D. D., the Society was called to order by Dea. C. F. Thompson, e President. After singing, and prayer by Rev. J. G. Johnson, D., the Chairman stated that the discouragements were so great maintaining the Vermont Society, especially in its Anniversary etings, that he was in favor of discontinuing the present organiza-, and directing our contributions to the parent Society.

Rev. M. L. Severance presented the following resolution, which s passed without opposition.

"Inasmuch as the American Education Society is abundantly able look after the interests of the cause in this State, therefore

Resolved, That we discontinue the Vermont Education Society as a arate Organization, and recommend that the churches make their tributions directly to the American Education Society."

During the meeting the report of the Treasurer, J. C. Emery, Esq., s read and approved, and remarks were made by Revs. A. D. Bar-, A. Stevens, D. D., A. B. Dascomb and H. Fairbanks. The esident then declared the organization disbanded.

A. B. SWIFT, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In account with the VERMONT EDUCATION SOCIE

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1879.					
June	12.	To cash	from	Weathersfield Centre.....	$3 00
	20.	"	"	Orwell.....	6 00
July	21.	"	"	Woodstock.....	36 80
	"	"	"	Wells River.....	9 12
Aug.	6.	"	"	Peacham.....	10 14
	13.	"	"	Jamaica.....	5 00
	30.	"	"	Westminster.....	2 10
Sept.	3.	"	"	St. Albans.....	11 56
	16.	"	"	Northfield.....	9 12
Oct.	11.	"	"	Thetford.....	10 00
	13.	"	"	Randolph.....	4 00
	18.	"	"	Brattleboro Centre.....	20 69
	"	"	"	Brandon.....	5 75
1880.					
Jan.	6.	"	"	Danville.....	7 00
	"	"	"	Bradford.....	12 23
	27.	"	"	Bennington Second.....	4 80
Mar.	16.	"	"	St. Albans.....	6 30
Apr.	12.	"	"	Newbury.....	5 00
	26.	"	"	Rev. P. S. Pratt.....	2 00
	28.	"	"	Manchester.....	23 70
May	18.	"	"	North Craftsbury.....	4 00
	30.	"	"	Peacham.....	12 92
June	1.	"	"	Enosburgh.....	7 25
					$218

CREDIT.

By paid the Vermont Bible Society.....	$20	03
" James M. Gordon, Treasurer.....	175	08
" Postage and Stationery.....	1	00
Balance to new account.....	22	37
	$218	

I have this day examined the above account, and find it correct.

WM. P. DODGE, *Auditor.*

Chester, June 9, 1880.

TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.	JANUARY, FEBRUARY.	MARCH, APRIL.	MAY, JUNE.	JULY, AUGUST.	SEPTEMBER. OCTOBER.	NOVEMBER, DECEMBER.
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WINDSOR	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal lands.	Home Missions.	Sustentation.	Tract Society.	Am. Miss. Assoc. .....
ORANGE	.....	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	.....	Education.	Congregational Un.
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ADDISON	Education.	Congregational Un.	.....	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	.....
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GRAND ISLE	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FRANKLIN	Home Missions.	Education.	Congregational Un.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions. .....
LAMOILLE	.....	Sustentation.	Tract Society.	.....	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal lands. .....
ORLEANS	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. Jonathan Clement, H. F. Leavitt, Aldace Walker, Harvey D. Kitchel, M. H. Buckham, William H. Lord, Charles S. Smith, Alfred Stevens, Joseph Chandler, Joseph Torrey, Julius Converse, Franklin Fairbanks, John A. Page, L. L. Dutcher, James W. Hickok, and their associates, who shall be the members of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, and which members shall continue such associates for one year from the time of the adjournment of the Convention of which they are members, and till others become members in their stead, are hereby constituted a corporation and body politic by the name of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont ; and by that name may sue and be sued ; may have a common seal ; and shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges of a corporation, for the purpose of receiving, taking care of and managing all funds, property and money which has heretofore, or may hereafter, come to the care, control, management, custody, or ownership of said Convention, or any trustee, officer, or person for said Convention, by whatever form or mode said funds, property, or money may have been, or may hereafter be conveyed, given, transferred, bequeathed or devised to such Convention, or to the denomination of Christians called and known by the name of Congregationalists, or any branch thereof.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called by two or more of the persons named in the first section of this act, and which meeting shall be at the time and place of the next General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, a notice of which meeting shall be published at least three successive weeks in the VERMONT CHRONICLE, published at Windsor, Vermont.

SEC. 3. At said meeting and all other annual meetings of said corporation shall be chosen a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five trustees, who shall hold their respective offices one year, and till others are chosen or appointed.

SEC. 4. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall respectively perform the offices usually performed by such officers, and such as may be imposed upon them by the by-laws. The Secretary

also shall call all meetings under the direction of the trustees, and also when at least three members shall, in writing, request a special meeting to be called. All meetings of the corporation shall be called and notified by publishing the same in one or more newspapers in the State, one of which shall be the VERMONT CHRONICLE, unless otherwise ordered by the by-laws of the corporation, or by the Trustees. The treasurer, except where otherwise ordered by the corporation, shall receive all moneys, funds, property and assets of every description belonging to, entrusted, or in any way committed to the care or custody of the corporation, and be responsible for the same, and shall disburse, pay over and deliver, as shall from time to time be ordered by the trustees or a majority of them ; he shall at least once a year make a full and true statement and report of the financial condition of the corporation, therein designating the kind or class of funds, and for what purpose donated, bequeathed or held ; he shall also exhibit all books, vouchers and papers to said trustees whenever requested by them, and shall furnish statements and copies whenever requested by them, upon reasonable notice ; he shall, if requested by the trustees, give bonds with sufficient sureties to the acceptance of the trustees, for the faithful discharge of his duties as treasurer. Whenever a vacancy shall happen in the office of treasurer, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment of the trustees, till the next annual meeting of the corporation, or till appointed by vote of the corporation. The trustees shall have the general oversight of the interests and prudential affairs of the corporation ; shall see that all funds, moneys, and other property are faithfully preserved, taken care of, and administered as shall be most for the interest of the corporation, and in accordance with the wishes of testators and donors ; they shall perform all acts and discharge all duties not assigned to any other officer by the articles of association, or by the by-laws made in pursuance thereof. If any vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment by the surviving trustees till an election by the corporation.

SEC. 5. At an annual meeting of the corporation, by-laws may be established or altered, not inconsistent with this charter or the laws of this State.

SEC. 6. This act shall be under the control of any future legislature, and shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, November 21, 1872.

Adopted by the Convention, June 18, 1873.

CONSTITUTION.

OBJECT.

T. 1. The object of the Convention is to promote the harmony, 'ship and efficiency of the churches, and their co-operation in tian work.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD.

T. 2. The Convention receives as articles of faith, the doctrines ristianity as they are for substance stated in the Declaration of of the Boston Council of 1865 ; these doctrines are understood to be those which from the beginning have been received by the regational Churches of New England-

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several boards having the management of funds, to serve at and during the meeting at which they are appointed; and once in five years, commencing with 1875, there shall also be appointed a Corresponding Secretary for the Convention, and Reporters of Statistics, and Receivers of Assessments for the several Conferences of Churches.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, at the proper time, to furnish the Reporters with a copy of the schedule prepared for collecting statistics under the direction of the Convention; to arrange the statistical parts of the reports when returned, for publication; and, from the facts reported, to present to the Convention during its session a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year.

DUTIES OF REPORTERS.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Reporters, each for his own Conference, to make report for the year ending January first, agreeably to the blank schedule furnished them. These reports thall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meeting of the Convention. In case of the absence of any Reporter, the duty of reporting shall devolve on the Register of the Conference.

TIME OF MEETING.

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VACANCIES.

ART. 8. If at any time, or from any cause, the office of Secretary, or of Corresponding Secretary of the Convention shall become vacant, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall immediately, by notification of each member in writing, convene the Board at a specified time and place, and, when so met, said Board shall by a majority vote appoint some person to fill the vacancy till the next annual meeting of the Convention or until a new election is made; and any person so appointed shall be a legal officer of the Convention.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 9. These articles shall not be altered except at an annual meeting and by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

Adopted June 17, 1874.

11. No motion committed to writing shall be finally decided upon until it shall have had three several readings, if any member calls for it.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a stated time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged. On a motion for adjournment, for laying on the table, for indefinite postponement, there shall be no debate.

13. If the report of a committee contains only matters of fact for information, or of argument for the consideration of the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted ?* and that question, unless superseded by a motion to reject, to recommit, to postpone, or to lay on the table, shall be taken *without debate*. Such report, if accepted, is placed upon the files of the Convention, not entered upon the Minutes.

14. If a report is in, or terminates with the form of a vote, resolution, or declaration, expressing the judgment or testimony of the Convention, the question shall then be taken on the *adoption* of the report. If adopted, the vote, resolution, or declaration is entered upon the Minutes.

15. On the report of a Treasurer of a Board of Trustees or Directors, or of a Committee or other agent empowered to act for the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted and approved ?* which question may be divided if a division is called for.

16. The merits of any subject whose proper reference is to the Business Committee shall not be discussed in Convention until it has been referred to that Committee for consideration and report.

17. Members who may find it necessary to leave before the close of the meeting, are expected to give notice of the fact to the President.

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These By-Laws and Rules shall not be subject to alteration except by the consent of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

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DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To Vermont M. E. Conference—Rev. A. Stevens, D. D. Substitute, Rev. H. L. Slack.

To Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. J. H. Babbitt. Substitute, Rev. G. H. Morss.

To F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. W. S. Hazen. Substitute, Rev. Alden Ladd.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Place—Manchester.

Preacher—Rev. J. H. Hincks. Substitute, Rev. C. H. Merrill.

Essay—The Privileges of Children under the Covenant. Rev. A. Stevens, D. D. Substitute, Rev. H. Fairbanks, Ph. D.

Discussion—Are the Church and the Ministry responsible for the present laxity in Sabbath observance and in practical morals. Rev. S. L. Bates, Rev. J. K. Williams. Substitutes, Rev. Geo. E. Hall, Rev. C. C. McIntire.

Committee on Vermont Chronicle—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D.

Committee to carry into effect the Resolution on Divorce—M. H. Buckham, D. D., Rev. C. S. Smith, Rev. S. W. Dike, Hon. John B. Page, —— ——, to be supplied.

Sabbath School Committee—Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. J. H. Babbitt.

Committee of Arrangements for next year.—Rev. A. C. Reed, Rev. John Cowan, Rev. E. P. Wild.

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VERMONT BIBLE SOCIETY.

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AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

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SCHEDULE

—OF—

TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.	JANUARY, FEBRUARY.	MARCH, APRIL.	MAY, JUNE.	JULY, AUGUST.	SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER.	NOVEMBER, DECEMBER.
Windham	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.			Congregational Un.	
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Orange		Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.			Congregational Un.
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Bennington	Congregational Un.		Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.		
Rutland	Tract Society.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.	Home Missions.	Education.
Addison		Congregational Un.		Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	
Chittenden	Education.	Tract Society.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.	Home Missions.
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Lamoille			Tract Society.		Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.
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MINUTES.

The General Convention of Congregational Ministers and hurches of Vermont met with the North Congregational Church, t. Johnsbury, June 14, 1881.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, Rev. F. W. lmsted was elected to preside, and on taking the chair, offered rayer.

The Secretary, Rev. C. H. Merrill, then read the roll of delegates who had presented their credentials, and the names of members *ex-officiis*.

The following delegates having presented their credentials, were nrolled as members:

Addison Association—Rev. Geo. E. Hall, Rev. S. Knowlton, ev. M. L. Severance, Rev. Tremaine A. Merrill.

Bennington Association—Rev. A. B. Lambert, D. D., Rev. J. C. cCollom.

Caledonia Association—Rev. Joseph Hammond, Rev. N. F. Cobleigh, Rev. C. E. Gordon, Rev. B. S. Adams.

Lamoille Association—Rev. C. J. Richardson.

Montpelier Association—Rev. A. Ladd, Rev. P. H. Pitkin, Rev. H. Hincks, Rev. Wm. S. Hazen.

North-Western Association—Rev. R. Hicks, Rev. J. K. Fuller.

Orange Association—Rev. Allen Clark, Rev. Henry Cummings.

Orleans Association—Rev. Rufus King, Rev. S. R. Bonnell, ev. W. T. Herrick, Rev. James A. Bates, Rev. J. N. Walker.

Royalton Association—Rev. E. B. Chamberlain, Rev. S. K. B. erkins, Rev. E. E. Herrick.

Rutland Association—Rev. G. G. Lyon, Rev. C. C. McIntire, ev. G. H. Morss.

White River Association—Rev. N. R. Nichols.

Windham Association—Rev. G. E. Martin, Rev. L. Grout, Rev. . G. Baker.

Windsor Association—

Winooski Association—Rev. F. W. Olmsted, Rev. A. Hazen, Rev. J. D. Emerson.

Addison Conference—Bro. J. C. Smith, Bro. M. B. Williams.

Bennington Conference—Bro. H. D. Hall.

Caledonia Conference—Bro. Alexander Holmes, Dea. C. M. Stone.

Chittenden Conference—Bro. H. H. Frary, Bro. L. M. Stevens, Rev. J. Cowan.

Essex Conference—Bro. G. A. Appleton, Bro. C. E. Benton.

Franklin & Grand Isle Conference—Rev. E. W. Hatch, Dea. E. P. Adams.

Lamoille Conference—Dea. James Holmes, Rev. A. A. Smith, Dea. E. B. Merriam.

Orange Conference—Rev. E. J. Ranslow, Hon. Edward Conant.

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Washington Conference—Dea. Daniel Chandler, Bro. Geo. W. Scott.

Windham Conference—Bro. Geo. H. Clapp, Bro. A. P. Ranney.

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MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF THE CONVENTION.

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Committee of Arrangements—Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. J. H. Babbitt, Rev. A. Holbrook.

Appointees of last meeting—Pres. M. H. Buckham, D. D., Rev. G. B. Safford, D. D., Rev. J. G. Hale.

Delegates to other Bodies—Rev. S. L. Bates, Rev. E. P. Wild, Rev. N. F. Cobleigh.

Editor of Vermont Chronicle—Rev. A. D. Barber.

Rev. Lawrence Phelps was chosen *Scribe*, and Bro. H. D. Hall, *Assistant Scribe*.

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The report of the Committee on the VERMONT CHRONICLE was presented by Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, and was laid upon the table.

The report of the Committee in regard to the "Change of the Constitution," was presented by Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Ph. D., recommending that Article 3d of the Constitution of this Convention be amended so as to read as follows:

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Remarks were made by Dr. A. Lambert and others, after which the report was laid upon the table.

The report of the Committee on Divorce was called for, heard, and laid upon the table.

Rev. A. W. Wild presented a "Memorial," which was referred to the Business Committee for further action.

The President nominated and the Convention elected the following Committees:

Business Committee—Rev. C. B. Hulbert, D. D., Rev. A. B. Lambert, D. D., Rev. Austin Hazen.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. H. W. Jones, Rev. R. Hicks, Rev. Henry Cummings.

Nominating Committee—Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., Rev. G. G. Lyon, Dea. C. M. Stone.

Finance Committee—Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, Bro. G. H. Clapp, Bro. H. H. Frary.

Geo. May, Esq., was appointed *Auditor*.

Voted that the hours of meeting be as follows: at 9 A. M., 2 P. M., and 7.30 P. M. Hours of adjournment, 12 M. and 5 P. M.

On motion of Rev. G. G. Lyon, the vote whereby the report of the Committee on the Change of Constitution was laid upon the table, was reconsidered. After full discussion the report was adopted—yeas 42, nays 2.

Rev. M. P. Parmelee, M. D., of Erzroom, Turkey, was invited to sit in this Convention as a corresponding member.

Rev. S. L. Bates, delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Conference, reported his attendance at the Annual Meeting of that Conference.

Rev. N. F. Cobleigh, delegate to the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, reported his attendance at the Annual Meeting of that body.

Rev. E. P. Wild, delegate to the Vermont Baptist Convention, reported his performance of that duty by letter, to this Conference.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention sermon was preached by Rev. E. G. Read, from Isaiah 8: 19–20.

Rev. G. E. Martin assisted in the devotional exercises.

After announcements the meeting adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

A prayer meeting was held at 6 A. M., conducted by Rev. J. A. Bates, and a devotional meeting, led by Rev. M. P. Parmelee, M. D., at 8: 30 A. M.

At 9 A. M. the Convention met for business, the President in the chair.

Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., led in prayer.

The roll was called and records of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Rev. R. B. Thurston was invited to sit in this Convention as a corresponding member.

The President nominated and the Convention elected the following Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting: Rev. A. C. Reed, Rev. John Cowan, Rev. E. P. Wild.

The Committee of Arrangements made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee recommend that the following persons be invited to speak upon topics connected with their work, at the evening session of this Convention: Rev. L. Tenney, Agent of the Vermont Bible Society, 15 minutes; Rev. I. N. Tarbox, D. D., American College and Education Society, 20 minutes; Rev. Josiah Tyler, D. D., Rev. M. P. Parmelee, M. D., A. B. C. F. M., 30 minutes; Rev. C. L. Woodworth, American Missionary Association, 15 minutes; Rev. A. E. Dunning, Sabbath School Secretary, 20 minutes.

The Business Committee recommend the appointment of a Special Committee of three to consider the memorial of Caledonia Conference in reference to the certification of ministers, and to recommend the best plan for such certification by Committee of the Convention or of Conferences, and to report at this meeting.

The President nominated and Convention elected the following Committee on the memorial: Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., Rev. H. Fairbanks, Ph. D., Rev. G. H. Safford, D. D.

The Treasurer of the Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers reported as follows, which report was accepted and approved:

FAIRBANKS FUND FOR RELIEF OF MINISTERS,

In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

CREDIT.

1880.		
June 10.	By bal. in Treasury as per Auditors' report.....	$719 83
"	By interest on bequest of Mrs. Jewett.....	114 00
July 1.	By interest on the Granger notes	281 89
6.	By interest on H. Rabe's "	87 50
"	By interest on P. Kelley "	43 16
Nov. 23.	By interest on Thos. and Wm. Kennedy notes..	54 00
26.	By interest on J. S. Blood's note.....	60 00
"	By contribution from Cong'l Ch. of Peacham for Widows and Orphans.....	11 10
1881.		
Jan. 6.	By int. on moneys loaned in Minneapolis, Min.	216 00
Feb. 5.	By 3d Cong'l Ch. in Burlington, for Wid. and Orph.	16 64
April 1.	By interest on H. H. Boardman's agreement...	36 00
"	By interest on Curtis Parkhurst's note.....	36 00
"	By interest on Sam'l Phelps's note.....	18 00
2.	By interest on J. Bass's note.....	180 00
6.	By interest on J. Somerville's note.....	180 00
		$2054 12

DEBIT.

June '80 to June, '81.	Appropriations to ten beneficiaries..	$1075 00	
June 10, '81.	Expenses for the year.....	7 37	
"	Cash in Treasury.....	971 75	
			$2054 12

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing account as rendered by Mr. J. G. Stimson, Treasurer of the Fairbanks Fund for the Relief of Ministers, with proper vouchers, and find the same correct.

GEORGE MAY, *Auditor.*

St. Johnsbury, Vt., June 14, 1881.

The report of the Committee on the VERMONT CHRONICLE was taken from the table, and after remarks by several brethren, was accepted, and the Committee of last year was re-appointed.

The Business Committee presented a report relative to the Year Book, which was laid upon the table.

At ten o'clock the Convention adjourned for the annual meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

At 12 M. Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Convention called to order by the President.

The report relative to the Year Book was taken from the table, and after some discussion, the following recommendation was adopted:

The Business Committee recommend that we indorse the action of the late National Council at St. Louis in issuing the Congregational Year Book, and that we bear our part of the expense.

The Treasurer, J. C. Emery, Esq., reported the following, which was accepted and adopted:

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,
In account with General Convention of Cong'l Ministers and Churches of Vermont:

1880.	DEBIT.		
June 11.	To cash on hand		$156 99
"	" Rutland Conference	$35 00	
"	" Bennington Conference	23 00	
"	" Franklin & G. Isle Conference.	26 00	
"	" Caledonia Conference	47 00	
July 19.	" Rutland Conference	25 25	
Oct. 11.	" Chittenden Conf., '78 & '79	38 25	
"	" Chittenden Conf., '79 & '80	34 00	
23.	" 1st Nat. Bank, Montpelier	265 00	
27.	" Windsor Conference	55 02	
Dec 16.	" Windham Conference	41 11	
May 13, '81.	" Addison Conference	28 90	
June 8.	" Washington Conference	28 50	
14.	" Orange Conference	54 27	
"	" Caledonia Conference	51 69	
"	" Lamoille Conference	12 93	—765 92
			$922 91

1880.	CREDIT.		
June 11.	By Paid Rev. C. H. Merrill	$3 36	
"	" Paid Rev. P. S. Pratt	3 80	
"	" Paid note 1st Nat. Bank, Montpelier	204 10	
"	" Paid postage and stationery, 5 yrs.	4 41	
"	" Paid Joseph Poland	258 00	
"	" Paid interest on note	4 10	
June 3, '81	" Paid Nat'l Cong'l Council	247 18	
"	" Paid A. W. Wild	8 18	
"	" Paid Rev. C. H. Merrill	3 50	
"	" Cash to balance	186 28	
			$922 91

I have this day examined the foregoing account of Mr. J. C. Emery, Treasurer, and find the same correct, with proper vouchers therefor. GEORGE MAY, *Auditor.*

St. Johnsbury, Vt., June 15, 1881.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Nominations respectfully recommend that the officers for the next annual meeting be: for

President—Hon. HORACE FAIRBANKS.

Vice President—Rev. J. G. HALE.

Secretary—Rev. C. H. MERRILL.

Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, Esq., and that the present Trustees be re-elected.

That the Fairbanks Board of Education be re-elected.

That the Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers be re-elected, substituting for Rev. E. P. HOOKER, D. D. the name of Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, D. D.

That the present Reporters and Receivers be continued, with the exception that Rev. GEO. E. HALL be substituted for Rev. S. KNOWLTON.

FOR DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To the Vermont Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. A. Stevens, D. D. Substitute, Rev. H. L. Slack.

To the Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. J. H. Babbitt. Substitute, Rev. Geo. H. Morss.

To the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. W. S. Hazen. Substitute, Rev. Alden Ladd.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. T. Herrick, after which the Convention listened to the report of the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. A. W. Wild, which was accepted, adopted and voted to be printed in the Minutes of the Convention.

Rev. Mr. Pierce, delegate from the Vermont Baptist Convention, presented the Christian salutations of that body, and was responded to by the President.

The Convention then listened to an essay by President M. H. Buckham, D. D., on the "Relation of the Family to the State." It was moved and carried that the Convention ask a copy of the address for the Minutes of the Convention.

After prayer by Rev. L. Grout, the Convention adjourned until half-past seven o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. L. Severance.

The following societies were represented in addresses according to appointment:

Vermont Bible Society, Rev. L. Tenney; American College and Education Society, Rev. I. N. Tarbox, D. D.

Singing—"Lord, thou on earth."

A. B. C. F. M., Revs. M. P. Parmelee and J. Tyler, D. D. American. Missionary Association, Rev. C. L. Woodworth. Sabbath School Work, Rev. A. E. Demming.

Singing.

After notices by the Devotional Committee and the Benediction by Rev. I. N. Tarbox, D. D., the meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

A prayer-meeting conducted by Bro. Geo. E. Dutton was held at six o'clock, A. M., and Devotional Exercises at half-past eight, A. M., were led by Rev. W. S. Hazen. The business session opened with prayer by Rev. A. Lambert, D. D. Roll was called and the Minutes were read and approved. The committee of arrangements for the next meeting made the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee of Arrangements would respectfully report as follows:

That the next meeting of Convention be held with the church of Manchester, from whom a cordial invitation has been received.

That the preacher be Rev. J. H. Hincks; substitute, Rev. C. H. Merrill. That the subject of the essay be, "The Privileges of Children under the Covenant."

Essayist, Rev. Dr. A. Stevens. Substitute, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Ph. D.

That the topic for discussion be, "Are the Church and the Ministry responsible for the present laxity in Sabbath observance and in practical morals?"

Primaries, Revs. S. L. Bates and J. K. Williams. Substitutes, Revs. G. E. Hall and C. C. McIntire.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. G. READ,
JOHN COWAN, } *Com.*
E. P. WILD,

The Business Committee offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention heartily approves of the movement recently instituted to foster Sabbath School interests in our denomination, and hereby recommends the appointment of a committee of three to serve one year, who shall co-operate with the General Sabbath School Secretary in increasing the efficiency of Sabbath School work in this state.

The Treasurer of the Fairbanks Board of Education rendered his report, which was accepted and adopted:

Twelve different students have received aid during a part or the whole of the year, only one of whom has been received during the year, and of these six remain on the list, the others having passed on within reach of aid from the American Education Society.

The income has been expended, but the balance on hand, at the beginning of the year, has been hardly reduced, and we suggest to pastors to encourage those who ought to enter upon a course of preparation for the ministry and direct them to this opportunity to obtain aid.

The Treasurer charges himself with		
Amount on hand June 1, 1880	$826 65	
Interest on investments	729 80	
		$1616 45
And credits himself with		
Paid orders of students aided	$775 00	
Expenses of collecting note	15 00	
Balance on hand, May 31, 1881	826 45	
		$1616 45

E. T. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman.*
HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

The committee to whom the memorial of the Caledonia County Conference was referred, reported as follows:

Resolved, That this Convention recommend that Conferences of churches use their utmost endeavors to encourage conformity to the historic principles of our polity respecting the admission of ministers to fellowship.

It is therefore further recommended that Conferences receive as pastoral delegates only such persons as have been entrusted with the pastoral office, by direct vote of the churches which they serve, and have received the right hand of fellowship from a council of neighboring churches.

And that no acting pastor be received as a lay delegate from the church which he serves, unless he be a member of that church.

Rev. Henry Fairbanks offered the following minority report:

Resolved. That the Convention recommend that each Conference. r the sake of guarding its own membership. and that of the Conven-on. should maintain a committee on credentials and ministerial anding. similar to that so long regularly appointed by the Conven-on. to which every minister. coming into its bounds. shall be ex-ected to submit his credentials of ministerial standing and proof that e church employing him has. by direct vote. authorized him to act s its pastor. before his name shall be entered on the roll as acting astor. This committee to have no authority to create ministerial anding. but only to receive proof of it. The same committee to be repared to certify the standing of ministers going from the bounds of ie Conference.

Resolved. That the list of such committees of the Conferences be rinted with the Minutes of Convention.

These reports were discussed at some length and then laid on the able.

The topic. "The Council and the Ministerial Association as safe-uards of doctrinal purity." was introduced by Rev. G. B. Safford,). D.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. S. Smith.

Discussion continued by Rev. J. G. Hale.

Reports on the Caledonia Memorial were taken from the table and ead. Discussion followed.

The substitution of the minority report for the majority was dopted. The resolution of this report was also adopted.

Report of the Finance Committee was presented by Hon. Franklin 'airbanks, and accepted and adopted.

To the Congregational Convention of Vermont:

Your committee find the expenses of the Convention, such as the ublication of Minutes. incidental expenses. &c.. to be.....$281 00
And voted to be paid to National Council for Year Book.. 301 24

$582 24

Your committee find there are 20,063 members of churches in the tate as per last year's minutes. and that three cents per capita will aise the necessary amount. and leave about $20 in the treasury. to nable the Treasurer to commence the next year without an entirely mpty treasury.

We have. therefore. recommended that that amount be raised which, istributed to the various Conferences. will be for each by name, as ollows:

Addison Conference	$59 79
Bennington Conference	33 15
Caledonia Conference	65 97
Chittenden Conference	50 88
Essex Conference	4 92
Franklin and Grand Isle Conference	36 57
Lamoille Conference	14 67
Orange Conference	65 79
Orleans Conference	40 74
Rutland Conference	70 83
Washington Conference	35 19
Windham Conference	54 81
Windsor Conference	69 18
20,083 members at three cents	$602 49

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, *for Com.*

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Nominations respectfully recommend that the Sunday School Committee to co-operate with the General Sunday School Secretary, consist of the following persons: Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. Jas. H. Babbitt.

The Business Committee reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recommend that the second Sabbath in June be observed by our churches as Children's Day—the peculiar exercise in each case to be determined by the pleasure of the churches observing the day.

It was moved by Rev. Mr. Hincks that this resolution be referred to the Sabbath School Committee. Motion carried.

The Business Committee presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. That we recognize with gratitude the stability and progress of temperance sentiment in the State and in our country at large, and that we extend our sympathy and promise our co-operation to temperance organizations in all their Christian efforts to extend the cause.

2. The Business Committee recommend the publishing of two thousand copies of the Minutes for the current year, and that the Scribe, Corresponding Secretary and Rev. J. H. Babbitt be a Committee to print the Minutes.

3. That we hereby express to this church and congregation, to the chorister and choir, and to the people of St. Johnsbury, our sincere thanks for their generous and excellent hospitality on this occasion, and to the railroads of this State for their courteous accommodation in the gift of return tickets.

The Committee of Devotional Exercises made the following report, ich was adopted:

The Committee on Devotional Exercises report that Rev. Lewis out and Rev. Henry Cummings will officiate at the Communion s afternoon, assisted by the following persons as deacons: Dea. C. Thompson, Dea. J. Poland, Edward Conant, Dea. Amasa Wood- , Dea. L. M. Stevens, Dea. Harvelin Paddock, Dea. L. G. encer.

The records of to-day's session were read and approved, and the ribe was authorized to complete the Minutes of the Convention.

Voted to adjourn *sine die*, after the Communion service.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Grout and Henry Cummings.

FRANKLIN W. OLMSTED, *President.*

LAURENCE PHELPS. *Scribe.*

H. D. HALL, *Assistant Scribe.*

REPORT

OF THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In making again our annual review of the field and forces of the Congregational Churches of Vermont, the ministerial necrology is the first item presented. Four names are placed upon the roll during the Convention year, viz: Rev. Richard T. Searle, who, though he had resigned his charge, still retained his pastoral relation to the church in Windsor, and who died at Danvers, Mass., June 30, 1880; Rev. John K. Converse, formerly pastor of the First Church in Burlington, who died at Burlington, Oct. 3, 1880; Rev. Chauncey B. Thomas, pastor of the church in Glover, who died at Amherst, Mass., Jan. 20, 1881; and Rev. John C. Edgar, acting pastor of the church in Hubbardton, who died there, much lamented, April 29, 1881, in the midst of active and efficient service. To these names should properly be added, Rev. John F. Aiken, who was ordained at Pawlet, and but recently acting pastor there; and Rev. Chester L. Cushman, who was recently several years pastor at Townshend; also Revs. Frederic A. Barton, a native of Chester; Asher Bliss, a native of West Fairlee, and a veteran missionary of the American Board to the New York Indians; John Rice, a native of Thetford; and last, Hiram Mead, D. D., a native of Cornwall, and for the last twelve years professor in Oberlin Theological Seminary. (See obituaries for further notice of these deceased.)

The following is a summary of the statistics of our churches for the year ending December 31, 1880:

Whole number of churches one hundred and ninety-seven, one less than last year, the church in Addison being stricken from the roll by vote of Conference as "virtually extinct." Fifty-seven of these churches have settled pastors and ninety-seven acting pastors; nineteen are supplied by ministers of other denominations, licentiates,

or otherwise, and twenty-four are vacant. This is an increase upon the report of last year of three churches with pastors, and four with acting pastors or supplies, and a corresponding decrease of seven in the number of vacant churches. The number of pastors is increased by three and of acting pastors by one, while the number of ministers reported "without charge" is six less than last year, giving a total of one hundred and eighty ministers against one hundred and eighty-two by the last report. To this number may be added ten licentiates, which gives one hundred and ninety as the available ministerial force of our churches at the beginning of the year 1881. Those changes which have taken place since the close of the statistical year will be duly noticed in the reports from the Conferences. Four of the churches, viz: Dover, East Guilford, Stratton and Warren, fail to give a return even of membership, though after repeated solicitation. None of these have reported since 1879, while from Dover the last return was in 1876, and from Warren in 1868. So little evidence of vitality appears in these churches that we are compelled almost to question their existence, although their names are continued upon the roll. They are commended as objects of special inquiry to their respective Conferences.

Of the one hundred and ninety-three churches reporting, the aggregate membership is nineteen thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, one hundred and thirty-two less than last year, of which three thousand six hundred and ninety-two, or a fraction more than eighteen per cent., is non-resident. To these churches were added, in 1880, four hundred and thirty-five members by profession and three hundred and twenty-five by letter. Whole number of additions seven hundred and sixty, while the removals were, by death three hundred and sixty-nine, by dismission three hundred and eighty-five, and by discipline eighteen—total seven hundred and seventy-two; showing a net loss in membership of twelve. Five Conferences—Addison, Bennington, Chittenden, Essex and Windsor—show a net gain of one hundred and three. Windham reports neither gain nor loss, and the remaining seven Conferences give a net loss of one hundred and fifteen. During the year there were two hundred and ninety-eight adult and one hundred and seventy-six infant baptisms. Deducting the number of adult baptisms from the number of additions to the churches by profession, the remainder discloses the fact of only thirty-one per cent., less than one-third of those who were received in the initiatory act of Christian fellowship, as having been publicly sealed in the parental covenant. Attention is here specially called to this fact as the

culmination of certain deductions from further comparison of statistics hereafter to be given.

The benevolent contributions of the churches aggregate $40,062.22, an increase of about six per cent. upon those of the previous year, but still less than in any other year since 1868. Twenty-four churches report no contributions. In those reporting, the average is $2.56 per resident member; last year it was $2.43 per member; in 1879 $2.73, in 1878 $2.85, and in 1877 $3.47. Forty-one and one-half per cent. of the whole amount was given to Foreign Missions, twenty-four per cent. to Home Missions, twelve and one-fourth per cent. to the American Missionary Association, four and one-half per cent. to the American College and Education Society, three and one-half per cent. to the American Congregational Union, less than one-tenth of one per cent. to the Congregational Sabbath School and Publishing Society, (only five churches, one in Addison, three in Windham and one in Windsor Conferences, contributing in this direction), and a fraction over fourteen per cent. to all other objects, including the Bible Society which has heretofore been separately specified.

The number of families connected with our parishes is somewhat increased by the report of 1880, while the attendance upon public worship is slightly diminished in comparison with the previous year. In this connection it will be noticed that in the circular addressed to the churches this year, a change has been made in the form of the inquiry relating to the number of families. Hitherto there has been confusion and lack of uniformity in the interpretation of the scope of this question until, under the form "families in the congregation," it has become practically almost meaningless, and whatever scope it seemed to have is embraced under other inquiries. Now it is submitted, that this inquiry originally had a definite purpose, and that it should continue to have a definite place in our statistics. The local church is the center of doctrine and life within certain territorial bounds. And those boundaries are determined, both by its position and its relation to sister churches, of its own or other denominations. It is responsible, through its own agencies, for the development of the resources, and for the care and culture of its own field. This is equally true in thickly settled communities where there are several churches, perhaps of different forms, and in the more sparsely inhabited towns where one church alone may occupy a much larger territory. Each church, from its own center, is to shine as a light upon all legitimately within its reach. All those families, therefore, within reasonable limits, unattached in form or sympathy to other churches

and unclaimed by them, are properly the objects of its care. Scores of such families may be found in many of our parishes, paying no heed to religious ordinances and having no connection even with the minister of the Gospel, except when they call him to bury their dead. The church, within whose boundaries these families are found, is bound by its offices and agencies, as far as possible, to reach them. This is her material to work upon, evident from the very nature and demands of parochial evangelization. *Does* she, therefore, reach them? And *how far* does she care for and influence them? That is the question, giving at once in its answer something definite upon which to judge of the extent of the field occupied by each church and its fidelity in its culture. "Number of families properly belonging to the parish" is, therefore, the form of inquiry which has been substituted for "Number of families in the Congregation," thus endeavoring to bring forward this item to a place of some definiteness and importance in the Statistical Schedule.

In the department of Sabbath School work eleven churches make no report, two report no school, one hundred and eighty-four report schools with a total membership of twenty-one thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven, including four union schools. In one hundred and seventy-two of these schools, which give both the aggregate membership and average attendance, the ratio of the latter to the former is only fifty-seven and one-half per cent. It is worthy of inquiry whether there is not here suggested a serious defect, either in the organization or the practical working of our Sabbath School system that, of the whole number nominally enrolled in our schools, but little more than one-half should be regularly and permanently under this instruction. This is to-day one of the most potent agencies of the church for religious instruction. Should it not be so used by the church, and its methods be so devised and directed as to accomplish distinctively the purposes of the church, in even a broader and better sense than the public school is directed by and works for the primary ends of the State? We further find from the reports that forty-eight per cent. of the membership of our schools consists of those less than twenty years of age, and that nearly fifty-two per cent. of the resident membership of the churches is in the Sabbath School. Teachers' meetings for prayer and the preparation of the weekly lesson are regularly held in less than one-fourth of the schools.

From this general survey we now advance to a nearer perspective. The churches of the State are grouped in thirteen Conferences, bounded essentially by county lines, in which they find their nearer

fellowship, and through which they are individually represented before the Convention. Making our inquiry upon this natural line of fellowship and representation, we obtain more minutely a view of their history and condition. Entering the first upon the list:

ADDISON CONFERENCE,

We find but thirteen churches in the place of fourteen heretofore reported. Of these, nine were organized before the present century, none of them, however, having reached their centennial, and the latest having passed its semi-centennial but three years ago. Bridport, Middlebury, New Haven and Orwell, have dismissed their pastors, the latter, however, immediately installing a successor, and Middlebury being about to do the same. Bristol and Whiting are unsupplied, uniting still in worship, as heretofore, with other denominations. Ferrisburgh is supplied by a non-resident minister, and Weybridge also from Middlebury College. In Salisbury an acting pastor has been secured, who began his work in February. This church has for the past two years enjoyed unwonted prosperity, receiving large accessions numerically and no small increase of spiritual life, and now has occasion to feel that her captivity has been turned as the streams in the South. Some religious quickening is mentioned also in Cornwall and New Haven, resulting in the latter in several additions to the church. In the Sabbath School and Missionary work, and in the cause of temperance, there is generally an encouraging activity. In

BENNINGTON CONFERENCE

five of the eleven churches date before 1800. One, the oldest in the State, has nearly completed the first quarter of its second century: another will be a hundred years old in January next, to be followed by twin sisters in 1884, and by still another in 1886. Of the remainder all but one were formed within the last half century, the two youngest of the sisterhood not having attained their legal majority, yet by a vigorous youth proving their right to be. East Arlington loses its acting pastor, he going to a church in another Conference. Dorset has pleasantly recognized the quarter century anniversary of its pastor's settlement, "by generous and gratifying tokens of the unabated confidence and affection of his people." Peru has installed a pastor, and North Pownal secured a supply. Some revival interest is mentioned in Bennington North, and Manchester, beginning with "the Week of Prayer," from which considerable additions have already been made, and more are expected, to the churches. In the former the interest was continued by special evangelistic effort under

the direction of Mrs. Ballou, while in the latter no extraordinary means were used. East Dorset and Rupert report very encouragingly. The churches in Bennington are putting forth special effort, by organization and otherwise, for the enforcement of the temperance laws, manifestly to the improvement of the tone of public sentiment.

Caledonia Conference.

Only three of the fifteen churches in this Conference date before 1800. Five of the fifteen are less than fifty years old, and the two youngest, four and eleven years respectively. It is of special interest to trace the changes and progress which the years have brought about within its limits as illustrative probably of what has been going on, if in less degree, throughout the State. Between 1800 and 1840 the population of the county was almost tripled, every town sharing in the increase; while in the last forty years the increase has been only about twelve per cent., and that in just one-third of the townships, the remaining two-thirds having suffered loss. In the period, 1800 to 1840, in addition to the three churches previously formed, fifteen others appear upon the record in eleven towns, making a total of eighteen churches in fourteen towns. Of these, seven became extinct before 1840, and four have since taken their place, making the present roll of fifteen. In four towns where churches were then formed none now exist, and in four townships no Congregational church ever existed. Twenty-two churches, therefore, have existed in fourteen out of the eighteen towns embraced in this Conference, while only fifteen in ten towns now exist. These facts suggest an interesting field of inquiry. There are causes for these results. A history lies behind them—an unwritten history of struggle and effort, and providential movement, of which it little becomes us now to pronounce too hasty judgment. To-day the general condition of these churches is much the same as one year ago. There has been a slight decrease in membership, but on the whole an increase of religious interest, and an improvement in the general tone of spiritual life. Sabbath School work, benevolent contributions, the finishing and repairing of church edifices and parsonages, and the paying of debts, indicate the chief lines of activity during the year. Cabot, Lyndon (both churches), and Peacham, report encouraging interest and additions. McIndoes has paid off a debt of nearly $1,400. Hardwick has met with great loss in the sudden death of her Senior Deacon, Hon. James D. Bell, whose genial face and manly form has often been seen in our annual gatherings. The church is also rejoicing

gratefully in a handsome bequest for the building of a chapel. And St. Johnsbury North is glad in what the Lord has enabled her to build and dedicate to his service, the beautiful edifice and its appointments which we behold to-day.

Chittenden Conference.

Five of her seventeen churches were formed before the present century; one began its existence with the century, three others in 1801, two in 1804 and one in 1805. Of the remaining five one has passed its first half century, while another is near its completion, another has passed the quarter century milestone, and still another, with its first and only pastor, this year reaches its twenty-first anniversary, and the youngest is but twelve years old. "We have little of special interest this year," are the words of the reporter. Most of the churches have received some additions. Fellowship meetings were held with several in the winter with manifest interest and profit. In Colchester there has been an interesting work of grace, begun and promoted by "Gospel Meetings" under the direction of the Young Men's Christian Association, in which the different churches united. From Milton also comes the cheering report of spiritual quickening and saving grace, from which the church has already gained largely in intelligence and strength. There has been considerably increased interest in Charlotte, and Hinesburgh also, while Essex Junction and Westford report an unusually large number of infant baptisms.

Essex Conference.

The oldest of its three churches was organized in 1799, and the other two are seventy-nine and fifty-six years old respectively. The only items of interest the past year are the securing of a parsonage in Granby and an unusually large Sabbath School, and increased interest among the children in missionary work, in Guildhall, also a new bell.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference

has twelve churches, only one of which dates before 1800. The remaining eleven all came into existence between 1800 and 1824. There are but two pastors in this Conference, and nine ministers all told—one of these not being in active service. One minister supplies three churches. The plan of Circular Conferences, heretofore urged upon the churches as a well-tried means of grace, was carried into effect more fully the last winter than before, and with good results. As to attention upon the preaching of the Word and Bible study in the Sabbath School, the report in most cases is encouraging. There has been

no special revival interest, and the additions to the churches and number of baptisms are less than last year. The work of benevolence shows progress, there being an increase of more than $500 over last year's report. In the matter of temperance, St. Albans, the most important center, reports not only no special interest, but rather an unfavorable halt in activity. There is progress in Bakersfield and East Berkshire, and no diminution of activity generally in the remainder of the communities. Although nothing has occurred to disturb the peace of the churches, there is still felt to be a great lack of vitality, and the generally confessed desire is for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. One church in

Lamoille Conference

bears date 1792. The next was fifteen years later, followed in ten years by another, two more in 1818, and one in 1823. Then after an interval of thirty-five and forty years respectively, the two latest appear. Pastors have been installed the past year at Johnson and Morrisville, and the work again gathered up which had fallen behind in the interval of pastorates. Hyde Park and Waterville unite in worship with the Methodists. In North Hyde Park a better state of things has been promoted by a fellowship meeting, followed by a week of special service. And in Wolcott there is a marked gain in benevolence, and the church stands more independently in the community than heretofore.

Orange Conference.

Two churches in this Conference are well on in their second century, four others will reach it before 1890, and two between 1890 and 1900. The next two were formed in 1809 and 1810, and two more in 1820. The next is preparing for its semi-centennial in October of the present year, and is followed by two others formed before 1840. 1842 and 1848 are the dates of the next two in order, and of the four remaining the oldest is less than fifteen years old, while the other three date within the last ten years. In this Conference the churches, with few exceptions, are in a usually healthy state and full of courage for the future. The ministerial changes have been more numerous than usual, and the work of benevolence about the same as in previous years. Auxiliaries to the Woman's Board of Missions are active in a majority of the churches, and in several there are missionary circles for the children, giving promise of greater interest and increased contributions hereafter. The state of morals is healthful, the church and its observances forming the great power in this direction. The same

is true of temperance, the churches evidently feeling that this work belongs to them. Outside organizations exist in several towns, but apart from the influence of the church they run at once into dangerous forms of intemperance in other things than spirituous liquors. Particularly, Bradford is the only church that mentions any special revival interest. It began with "the Week of Prayer" among the young, and numerous accessions have already been made to the church. Corinth has settled, and Tunbridge dismissed, a pastor. Brookfield Second reports repairs of $700 on its church edifice, and the addition of a $400 organ, without debt. Newbury, Wells River and West Randolph, are specially hopeful in the evidences of prosperity. Braintree and West Fairlee are languishing in feebleness, while Vershire, which, for thirteen years, has been without a minister, and had become almost extinct, has renewed its vitality, securing a faithful acting pastor, whose services are now retained for a second year.

Orleans Conference.

The oldest church was formed in 1797, which remained alone until 1804, and up to 1810 the number was increased to five. In the next ten years seven were added, chiefly through Home Missionary effort and the agency of the devoted Levi Parsons; another dates in 1823, and another celebrated its semi-centennial in February last. The four remaining were later by ten, eleven, thirteen and fourteen years respectively. From this Conference there comes little of general interest the past year beyond the statistical report. One pastor has been installed, and one dismissed, and one has died. In Brighton there has been some revival interest and several additions to the church. Barton has been sorely tried by several cases of discipline, but is encouraged by a slow but sure growth and increasing Christian activity. Newport is gaining in strength and influence, has just celebrated her semi-centennial, and is building a chapel. And Brownington has expended $600 in repairs of church edifice. In

Rutland Conference

we find proportionately the largest number of our earliest churches, twelve out of seventeen having been formed previous to 1800. Three have completed a hundred years, and a fourth reaches that period in August next. From 1792 no additions were made to the roll until 1803. The two next dates are 1817 and 1822; there is then an interval of thirty-five years, when the Welch church, in Fair Haven, was formed, to which, twelves years later, was added the last of the number. Respecting this Conference the reporter says: "I am not

disposed to look upon the dark side, but I feel sad at the report our county makes this year." There have been hopeful signs in some of the churches, and activity of some kind in all. Notably in Rutland "much has been done, in a very harmonious and useful way, towards holding the congregation together, and forwarding a general social and intellectual culture, and strengthening loyalty to the church, but nowhere has there been any marked religious awakening." The universal prayer is, "O Lord, revive thy work." A pastor has been installed at Pittsford, and the acting pastor at Hubbardton was cut off suddenly in the midst of his work. The four oldest churches of

Washington Conference

date within four years of the present century. Two were added before 1810, and five more in the twenty years, 1816 to 1836. The three remaining were formed in 1864, 1865 and 1875. From the churches of this Conference, with few exceptions, the report is hopeful with respect to the ordinary direction of church work and influence. There has been considerable revival interest at Duxbury, Northfield and Woodbury, and to most of the churches some additions. It is also to be noticed that in some of the smaller churches benevolent contributions are on the increase. The acting pastor at Barre has closed his labors. In Montpelier two young men have indicated a purpose to prepare for the ministry. Waterbury has thoroughly repaired its church edifice, and built and furnished a vestry at a cost of $2,300, also has recently sent three of its members to the Foreign Missionary field.

Windham Conference.

Twelve of its twenty-three churches were organized before 1800, seven of which are already upon the centennial list. Up to 1810 three were added, one more in 1816, and still another in 1825. The number then remained without change for twenty-five years, till 1850, when two were added, and another five years later, and in 1868 the three youngest were formed almost simultaneously out of the success of Home Missionary effort. The report for the present year gives evidences of a good degree of fidelity to Christian work and the support of gospel ordinances among the churches, yet with but little special spiritual quickening. There has been some interest at West Brattleboro, and an increase of one hundred per cent. in benevolent contributions. Windham reports an exceptionally high state of public morals, and Saxton's River reform work among the young. Jamaica has begun to move in paying off a church debt and repairing

its church edifice. Londonderry has procured a bell, and Westminster repaired its parsonage. South Wardsboro has dismissed its pastor, and changes have also taken place in the supply at Fayetteville, Putney, West Townshend, Westminster and Windham. Wilmington, which for some years has united with the Methodists, is now making effort to unite with West Dover in support of a minister of its own denomination. Of the twenty-four churches of

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just one-half were organized before the present century. Of these five are already centenarians, and two others are this year added to that list. The century opened with the addition of four churches during the first six years. Then there were no more till 1817 and 1819, when two appeared. In the four years, 1827 to 1831, three more were added, another in 1838, and the last two in 1868 and 1869. There has been a considerable increase in the church membership of this Conference the past year, against a loss in the preceding year. Quechee, Norwich, Springfield and Woodstock report more or less of revival interest. All the smaller churches have gained in the amount of benevolent contributions, while there is a large decrease in the total amount of the Conference, as compared with last year. This is due to the falling off in two of the largest churches, which yet give nearly one-half of the whole contribution of the Conference. At Woodstock an auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions has been formed, and at Norwich the membership of the same has been doubled. Windsor supports a mission school. The report of the state of public morals is generally "very favorable." A pastor has been installed at Hartland. Bridgewater has dedicated a new house of worship; improvements are reported at West Hartford, Weathersfield Center and Weston; while Sharon rejoices in a repaired and refurnished meeting house and the gift of a memorial chapel; and Woodstock also in the latter gift. Plymouth has come into possession of a valuable tract of land, which reverts to the Vt. D. M. S. should the church become extinct.

As results of this review historically the following facts now appear: Of our present one hundred and ninety-seven churches, seventy-five or a little more than thirty-eight per cent., were formed before the year 1800; eighteen of these are already more than a hundred years old, and four more will be added to the list during the present year, making one-ninth of the whole. The first twelve years of the century were most prolific in the birth of churches; thirty-eight of our number,

nost twenty per cent., and among them some of our strongest hes, being formed in that period. Then came a period of bitter :al strife and the second war with England, and for four years was an utter dearth. Revived Home Missionary effort then began, and between 1816 and 1826, inclusive, we find the dates rty-four, eight being formed in 1817 and six in 1818. Then nti-Masonic agitation began, followed by anti-slavery and Mil-l, and up to 1850 only a single church has its birth date in any excepting in 1831, 1836 and 1842, the well-remembered years : greatest success of the so called "new measures" in revival . Those twenty-four years add but twenty-one churches to the)r thirteen only, deducting the three years excepted. From 1850 60 ten were added; thirteen from 1863 to 1869; and six from to 1878.

we take now the period of about twenty-five years, including st fifteen years of the last century after the revolutionary strug-as adjusted and the first ten years of the present, and then, ing the four or five years just prior and subsequent to the war 12, pass on to 1826, it is evident that we strike the golden l of Congregationalism in Vermont, as regards the founding of hes, and territorial enlargement and strength. Previously only y-six of our present number of churches existed, or a little than thirteen per cent.; while *during* that period one hundred wenty-one came into being, or more than sixty-one per cent., *ince* then only fifty, or about twenty-five per cent. (No account e taken of a considerable number of churches which, during the period, were formed and have become extinct, the history of would only increase the emphasis of the statement.) This pre-eminently the period of organization and building. The :nt and revered names of that period: the long and vigorous rates; the origin of our Domestic Missionary efforts, Education, and Tract societies, and the VERMONT CHRONICLE, testify to the ty out of which they were born, as well as illustrate the efficient :ies adopted and used in aggressive work. The condition of s to-day, indeed, has somewhat changed, but the elements of the em of Christian responsibility are the same, and there yet remains ch land to be possessed." Why, then, does it seem that the ef-ince that period has been, on the whole, rather defensive than ssive—directed rather to the holding of positions already gained to the occupation of the "regions beyond?"

There are other facts of important bearing gathered from th tory of the churches of Vermont, which, although some of then have been heretofore matters of approximate conjecture, hav never been presented with the accuracy of actual investigation. philosophy is suggested concerning them, but they are here pres for record, once for all, as facts to serve their purpose hereafter

Up to the present time the Congregational churches of Ve have had seven hundred and eighty completed pastorates—the pastorate being used in its strict sense of installation over a part church. The average length of these pastorates has been eight three months and twenty-two days, or 8.31 years. Five hu and thirty, or sixty-eight per cent., have been less than the av in length, and two hundred and fifty, or thirty-two per cent., than the average. Forty-four, or five and one-half per cent. whole number, were upwards of twenty-five years, two being fifty years. This list is here presented as a roll of honor, to four not yet terminated are added:

PASTORATES OF VERMONT OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AND UPW.

Rev. Asa Burton, D. D.....Thetford.
" Jacob S. Clark.....Morgan.
" Thomas A. Merrill, D. D.....Middlebury.
" Leonard Worcester.....Peacham.
" William Jackson, D. D.....Dorset.
" James Tufts.....Wardsboro.
" Daniel Wild.....Brookfield.
" Cyrus B. Drake, D. D.....Royalton.
" Ammi Nichols.....Braintree.
" Elijah Lyman.....Brookfield.
" Hezekiah Taylor.....Newfane.
" Asa Lyon.....South Hero.
" Eben H. Dorman.....Swanton.
" James Converse.....Weathersfield.
" John Griswold.....Pawlet.
" Thomas H. Wood.....Halifax.
" Dan Kent.....Dorset.
" Increase Graves.....Bridport.
" Samuel Whiting.....Rockingham.
" Benjamin Wooster.....Fairfield.
" Gershom C. Lyman.....Marlboro.
" Jedediah Bushnell.....Cornwall.

Rev. William H. Lord, D. D.....Montpelier.
" James Hobart.....Berlin.
" Lemuel Haynes.....West Rutland.
" Hosea Beckley.....Dummerston.
" Samuel Bascom.....Sharon.
" Sewall Paine.....Montgomery.
" James Anderson.....Manchester.
" Tilton Eastman.....Randolph.
" Simeon Parmelee, D. D.....Westford.
" Timothy Field.....Westminster West.
" Stephen Fuller.....Vershire.
" Jabez T. Howard.....Holland.
" Henry Bigelow.....Middletown.
" Joseph Chandler.....West Brattleboro.
" Calvin Noble.....Chelsea.
" Worthington Smith, D. D.....St. Albans.
" John Smith, D. D.....Hartford.
" Moses B. Bradford.....Grafton.
" John H. Woodward.....Westford.
" Lyman Potter.....Norwich.
" Joseph Steele.....Castleton.
" Septimius Robinson.....Morrisville.
" Orville G. Wheeler.....South Hero.
" Alfred Stevens, D. D.....Westminster West.
" Isaac Jennings.....Bennington First.
" Parsons S. Pratt.....Dorset.

he four last not yet terminated.

t is to be noticed that one of the churches in the foregoing list, , Dorset, has the honor of three of these longest pastorates, and r others of two each, viz: Brookfield, South Hero, Westford and stminster West. Only nine of the pastors named, including the r still in active service, are known to be now living. Further, the nber of pastorates in the State between ten and twenty-five years length constitute twenty-one and one-half per cent. of the whole; se between two and five years nearly sixty-three per cent.; while ut ten per cent. have been less than two years in length.

hat the educational and moral force of the pastorate bears some ect proportion to its permanency seems to be corroborated by the owing additional facts: The number of pastors of our churches, l the number of native ministers (Congregational and Presbyterian) m them, is almost precisely the same, about seven hundred; and

the native wives of ministers are a little more than five hundred. Of the whole number of churches in the State only one hundred and sixty-five contribute any natives; seventy-eight of these are churches which have had one or more pastorates of upwards of fifteen years, and include *all* the longest pastorates. These seventy-eight churches contribute seventy-one per cent. of the males and seventy-four and one-half per cent. of the females, and thirty-four churches contribute almost precisely one-half of each. Cornwall and Hartford head the list, each with twenty-three males, and ten and eight females respectively; then follow in order Rutland, Randolph, Thetford, Pittsford, Brattleboro, Middlebury, Westminster, Bennington, Peacham, Brookfield, Georgia, Rupert, Halifax, Dorset, Pawlet, Castleton, St. Johnsbury, Jericho, Norwich, Hinesburgh, Danville, Burlington, Orwell, Windsor, Waitsfield, New Haven, Shoreham, Williamstown, Williston, Charlotte, Townshend and Poultney. Almost every one of these towns recalls at once some one or more of those names and pastorates whose vigor and duration have become almost proverbial, and whose impress to-day is not obliterated. It is worthy of notice also that much the largest proportion of natives find, either the date of their birth or of their entrance upon the ministry, in what we have just styled the golden period of religious activity. Scores of names of the living and the dead, in the State and out of it, in the Home and Foreign field, are upon the roll. The number of eminent names in other callings also, originating in these same parishes, at that period, runs almost parallel with the ministerial roll, and suggests the same conditions. And further, twenty-seven per cent. of the native ministers and twenty-four per cent. of the native wives of ministers of the State, have come from distinctively Home Missionary fields, i. e., from those churches which either had their birth in Home Missionary effort, or in long periods of their history have been dependent upon that aid for their existence—churches whose names are upon the roll of our Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

One further deduction from the comparison of our statistics was anticipated in the opening summary of this report. It relates to the practice in our churches of Household Baptism. From the beginning the churches of Vermont have maintained distinctively and strongly the importance of a recognition of the covenant implied by this ordinance. No data, however, are preserved in our earlier history respecting its practice. In 1847 resolutions were introduced in the Convention reiterating its sense of the importance of this usage in connection with household instruction. A committee consisting of

Revs. Steele of Castleton, Bradford of Grafton, and Walker of West Rutland, was appointed to prepare an address to the churches, and pastors were requested to present the subject from the pulpit. The pastoral letter of this committee, in the name of the Convention, appears in the minutes of 1848, and that year statistics on baptism are first included in the minutes. By decades the following facts are found since that date: From 1848 to 1857, inclusive, the ratio of infant baptisms to the resident membership of the churches is one and one-fourth per cent; from 1858 to 1867, one and three-fourths per cent. 1858 is the first year that adult baptisms are reported, thus affording the means of comparison in another direction. In the last decade mentioned, 1858 to 1867, the ratio of adult baptisms to the additions to the churches by profession is forty-seven and one-third per cent., leaving presumptively fifty-two and two-thirds per cent. as having been baptized in infancy. In the next decade, 1868 to 1877, the ratio of infant baptisms to resident membership is one and one-half per cent., and that of adult baptisms to additions by profession is sixty-one and one-fourth per cent., leaving as before thirty-eight and three-fourths per cent. infant baptisms—certainly a very large decrease in ten years. During the last four years, 1878 to 1881, the diminution has been going on regularly in an equal ratio, the ratio of infant baptisms to resident membership being one and one-third per cent., and that of adult baptisms to additions by profession sixty-six and five-sixths per cent., or thirty-three and one-sixth per cent. infant baptisms. In the last year, as stated in the summary, the proportion is but thirty-one per cent.

Here, then, is a regular and very rapid decrease, year by year, showing either that the additions to our churches from non-Christian families are more and more enormously disproportionate, thus reversing the law of family nurture, or that the attention to, and practice of household baptism is rapidly declining. If the latter be the conclusion and the present rate of decrease be not speedily arrested, it is not difficult to see that the time is not far distant when this covenant of the ages, so precious to the church in the past, and full of promise to the end, will fall into entire disuse and oblivion. What the effect is, and will be, upon the stability of individual piety and the power of the church, it is not for us now to conjecture.

Brethren, these facts are here presented to the Convention. No philosophy of them is designed to be put forward, but they are left to utter their own comment in the elements they furnish for the solution of practical problems. A. W. WILD, *Cor. Sec.*

OBITUARY NOTICES.

REV. JOHN KENDRICK CONVERSE, youngest son of Joel and Elizabeth (Bixby) Converse, was born in Lyme, N. H., June 15, 1801. The Converse family was originally Huguenot, *Coigniers*, of the province of Navarre, and suffered severely in the Massacre of St. Bartholomew in 1572. Pierre Coigniers, and one or two others of the family, were saved by concealment and flight to England, where the name became Conyers, or Converse. The first of the name in America was Dea. Edward Converse, who, with his wife, three sons and one daughter, came from England in Gov. Winthrop's party in 1630, and settled in that part of Charlestown, Mass., which is now the town of Woburn.

Joel Converse, in the fourth generation of direct descent from Dea. Edward, was born in Thompson, Ct., in 1750, and after marriage settled in Lyme, N. H., where he reared a family of ten children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the last survivor. Having worked upon the farm until the age of twenty, young Converse then fitted for college at Thetford Academy, under the Rev. John Fitch, and entered Dartmouth College in 1823. In 1824 he united with the Congregational Church in his native town. Near the close of his junior year he left College to take charge of a Classical School for boys in Virginia, but meanwhile privately pursued his senior studies, and was examined and graduated with the class of 1827 at Hampden & Sidney College, Virginia. Dartmouth also afterwards conferred upon him the same degree.

After graduation he spent two years, 1827–29, in Richmond, Va., associated with an older brother, the Rev. Amasa Converse, in the editorial charge of "The Southern Religious Telegraph," and "The Literary and Evangelical Magazine." In 1829 he entered Princeton Theological Seminary, and May 28, 1831, was licensed to preach by the Windsor Association at Hartford, Vt. In the spring of 1832 he was introduced by Dr. Archibald Alexander, of Princeton, to the First Congregational Church in Burlington, Vt., then seeking for a pastor. After preaching a few Sabbaths, he received and accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of that church, and was ordained and

installed Aug. 9, 1832, Rev. Worthington Smith, D. D., of St. Albans, preaching the sermon. This was his only pastoral charge. He closed his labors Jan. 1, 1845, having been dismissed by council Oct. 7, previous, on account of partial failure of his voice. During his pastorate of nearly twelve and one half years, the longest in the history of that church, about four hundred were added to its membership, and a colony was sent out to form another church at Winooski. After his dismission he became Principal of the Burlington Female Seminary, and retained the position until 1870, drawing patronage to the school from many States of the Union and the Canadas. While connected with the Seminary he also supplied the church in Colchester, 1850–54, and the church in Winooski from May, 1854, to August, 1860. He was also for upwards of twenty-five years Secretary of the Vermont Colonization Society, and in 1868 was appointed General Agent of the American Colonization Society for Northern New England.

May 21, 1834, he was married to Sarah, only daughter of Hon. Heman and Sarah (Prentice) Allen, and by her he had four sons and four daughters. She died April 14, 1873. The last years of his active and useful life were thus clouded by domestic sorrow in the death of his wife and by overmastering personal infirmities, under the shadow of which he died at Burlington, Oct. 3, 1880, aged 79 years, 3 months and 18 days.

Several sermons, public addresses, &c., by Mr. Converse, have been published at different times, among which the following have been collected: "The Moral, Legal, and Domestic Condition of our Colored Population in 1832;" "The Slave Trade and Slavery;" "A Discourse before the Vermont Colonization Society, at Montpelier, Oct. 17, 1832;" also another discourse before the same in 1840; "A Sermon before the Consociation of Chittenden County, at Milton, June 24, 1833;" "A Thanksgiving Sermon, preached in Burlington, Dec. 9, 1842;" "A discourse, High Church hostile to Republicanism;" "A Sermon on the Atonement," and "Letters to Gov. Paine on Capital Punishment."

Rev. Richard Thurston Searle, son of Stephen and Mary (Jewett) Searle, was born in Rowley, (now Georgetown,) Mass., April 2, 1814. He fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Andover; was graduated at Union College 1835, and at Andover Theological Seminary 1841. He was ordained to the pastorate of the Congregational church, Middleton, Mass., May 8, 1845; dismissed Dec. 23, 1846.

He was then installed at Henniker, N. H., Dec. 1, 1847, and dismissed March 20, 1850; installed at New Marlboro, Mass., Sept. 28, 1852, and dismissed Sept. 2, 1862. He then supplied the church in Harwinton, Conn., 1864–5 and Thomaston, 1865–6, and the Presbyterian church at Liverpool, N. Y., 1866–8. June 2, 1868, he was installed over the Congregational church in Thetford, Vt., Rev. Jonathan Clement, D. D., of Woodstock, preaching the sermon. He was dismissed Dec. 15, 1873 to accept the pastorate of the church in Windsor. He was installed at Windsor, March 4, 1874; sermon by Pres. Asa D. Smith, D. D., of Hanover. His active labors continued until May, 1878, when he was disabled by a stroke of paralysis, and soon resigned his charge, removing to the family home of his wife at Danvers, Mass. He was never, however, formally dismissed from his charge, and was not without some hope at times of resuming ministerial duty. He died at Danvers, of apoplexy, June 30, 1880, aged 66 years, 2 months and 28 days.

He was married Dec. 22, 1847, to Emily A., daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth Putnam, of Danvers, who, with two sons, both graduates of Amherst College, survives him. Mr. Searle was a man of erect and commanding form, and of unusually dignified presence, but of genial courtesy and deep Christian earnestness. He was a clear and logical thinker, and of fine scholarly tastes and habits, always respected and loved by his ministerial associates. The late President Smith, of Hanover, is said once to have commended him as the best Hebrew scholar in New Hampshire.

Rev. Chauncey Boardman Thomas, son of Alpheus and Electa (Bangs) Thomas, was born at New Salem, Hampshire County, Mass., Sept., 7, 1834. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, but his paternal grandfather was a Baptist, while his maternal grandfather was a deacon in the Orthodox Congregational church, of New Salem, for more than a quarter of a century. He fitted for college at the New Salem and Amherst Academies, and was graduated at Amherst College 1855 and at Andover Theological Seminary 1860. February 22, 1860, he was licensed to preach by the Essex North Association, of Massachusetts, and after leaving the seminary was engaged as City Missionary at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., until the summer of 1861. January 28, 1862, he was ordained as an evangelist in the Springfield Street Church, Boston, that he might accept a chaplaincy in the United States army. The

sermon on this occasion was preached by the late Rev. Edward N. Kirk, D. D., of the Mount Vernon church.

Mr. Thomas at once entered the service as hospital chaplain at Alexandria, Va., and was subsequently transferred to New Orleans, continuing until June, 1866. From June, 1866, to Oct., 1868, he was acting pastor of the Salem Congregational church, Chicago, Ill., and from Jan., 1869, to March, 1872, of the First Congregational church, Peru, Ill. Then, on account of failure of health, he was compelled for a time to suspend the care of a parish, and resided four years and a half, without charge, at Amherst, Mass. Having recovered his health sufficiently to seek again a field of pastoral labor, he was invited as a candidate to the church in Glover, Vt., near the close of 1876, and after a little more than a year of acceptable service was duly installed as pastor Jan. 24, 1878, Rev. Joseph Boardman, of Craftsbury, a seminary classmate, preaching the sermon. By four years of service he attached himself strongly to his church and people, as well as to the new circle of ministerial acquaintance. But failing health again obliged him to leave his work during the autumn of 1880, and, returning to his former home in Amherst, he lingered, not without strong hopes of recovery almost to the last, until the summons came. He died Jan. 20, 1881, aged 46 years, 4 months and 13 days. Mr. Thomas was a sound and practical thinker, and an excellent pastor. He was married Jan. 28, 1863, to Catherine, daughter of Jacob Storm, Esq., of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., who, with one child, survives him.

Rev. John C. Edgar, acting pastor of the church in Hubbardton, died in that town April 29, 1881.

The following facts respecting him were received by letter from his family. Mr. Edgar "was born July 12, 1838, in Glasgow, Scotland; therefore at the time of his death he was nearly forty-three years of age. When quite a boy he enlisted into the regular army of England and took part in the battles of Alma, Inkerman, Balaklava and Sabastopol. He had enlisted for a term of twelve years, but owing to ill health was discharged after serving something over eight years. For bravery in battle he received a silver medal from the Turkish government, and a medal with four silver bars, bearing the names Alma, Inkerman, Balaklava and Sebastopol, from the English government."

"He had been a student all his life, so that after his discharge he took the examination of Christ College, Cambridge. In 1869 he

came to this country. A stranger in a strange land, there was none to assist him in any way, but by his perseverance he obtained a remunerative situation in Fall River, Mass. After remaining there for a short time he went to Saundersville, Mass., where he met with a serious accident which laid him aside for more than a year. On his recovery he entered the Theological Seminary at Andover, where he continued two years. He then entered Bangor Theological Seminary, taking the full course, where he was graduated in June, 1875. He was ordained at Saundersville, Mass., July 13, 1875. During his year at Bangor, he preached at Holden, Me.; but, as he had previously received a call to Heath, Mass., he went there immediately after his ordination. He was installed over no church, as it was his intention to devote part of his life in building up feeble churches, and, after his daughter had finished her education, to go south among the freedmen or to Labrador. He labored four years in Heath, and nearly two in Hubbardton. The physician pronounced the cause of his death to be rheumatism of the heart, brought on by exposure. Probably the real cause was the hardships he endured in his military service."

"He was married Feb. 23, 1860 to Catherine E. Allen, who, with one daughter, Sarah, survives him." He buried an infant son, Walter Parks.

Mr. Edgar was a man of gentle and loving spirit, of quick sympathies, and so faithful to his Master that he spared not himself that he might save souls. He was highly esteemed by his brethren in the ministry and dearly beloved by the people to whom he ministered.

The names also of the following persons, well-known, either as once pastors, or as natives of this State, are here added to the record as having died during the Convention year:

Rev. John Francis Aiken, born at Lowell, Mass., Oct. 31, 1835, graduated at Dartmouth College 1858; lawyer in New York city; ordained at Pawlet, Oct. 2, 1873, and acting pastor there until 1878; died at Chichester, N. H., Aug, 13, 1880.

Rev. Frederic Augustus Barton, born at Chester, 1811; graduated at Dartmouth College 1831; partial course at Andover Theological Seminary; ordained at Collinsville, Conn., Nov. 6, 1834; preached at Collinsville and at Chicopee, and Indian Orchard, Mass.; Chaplain of 10th Mass., Reg. Vol.; Civil Engineer; died at Newtonville, Mass., Feb. 23, 1881.

Rev. Asher Bliss, born at West Fairlee, Feb. 20, 1801; graduated at Amherst College 1829; Andover Theological Seminary 1832; ordained at Post Mills, Sept. 25, 1832, as missionary of the A. B. C. F. M., to the Seneca Indians in Western New York; spent his life in this service, and under similar commission from the A. H. M. S.; died at Napoli, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., March 23, 1881.

Rev. Chester Lemuel Cushman, born at Stafford, Conn., March 29, 1831; graduated at Amherst College 1856; ordained and installed at Townshend, Vt., Dec. 22, 1859; dismissed Oct. 15, 1866; subsequently pastor at Ludlow and Phillipston, Mass., and acting pastor at Ludlow Mills; died April 21, 1880.

Rev. Hiram Mead, D. D., born at Cornwall, May 10, 1827; graduated at Middlebury College 1850, and Andover Theological Seminary 1857; ordained and installed at South Hadley, Mass., Sept. 29, 1858; afterwards pastor at Nashua, N. H., and professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology in Oberlin Theological Seminary; died at Oberlin, Ohio, May 18, 1881.

Rev. John Rice, born at Thettord, Dec. 24, 1813; teacher at the west; ordained 1862; preached at De Soto and Hematite, Mo.; died at Hematite, Mo., Nov. 19, 1880.

ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

JUNE, 1880. JUNE, 1881.

ORDAINED.

1880.	July	1....	Henry O. Dwight.....	Morrisville. Miss. A. B. C. F.
	Sept.	1....	William Carr.....	Irasburgh.

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1880.	Sept.	28....	Joseph N. Walker.....	North Troy.
1881.	Feb.	16....	Horace P. James.....	Corinth.

INSTALLED.

1880.	July	1....	Caleb M. Winch.....	Hartland.
	Oct.	30....	Samuel L. Vincent.....	Peru.
	Nov.	30....	Azro A. Smith.....	Johnson.
	Dec.	2....	William A. Bushee.....	Morrisville.
	Dec.	28....	Soltan F. Calhoun.....	Orwell.
	Dec.	28....	Charles C. McIntire.....	Pittsford.

DISMISSED.

1880.	Dec.	15....	Moses Patten.....	Greensboro.
	Dec.	27....	Edward P. Hooker, D. D..	Middlebury.
	Dec.	28....	Milton L. Severance.....	Orwell.
	Dec.	31....	George W. Osgood.....	Tunbridge.
1881.	March	15....	Stephen Knowlton.....	New Haven.
	May	3....	Warren W. Winchester...	Bridport.
	May	....	Royal D. Metcalf.....	South Wardsbo

DECEASED.

1880.	June	30....	Richard T. Searle.....	Danvers, Mass.
	Oct.	3....	John K. Converse.....	Burlington.
1881.	Jan.	20....	Chauncey B. Thomas.....	Amherst, Mass
	April	29....	John C. Edgar.....	Hubbardton.

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1880.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. KNOWLTON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Bridport,	1790	W.W.Winchester,	P.	1854	1866	65	109	174	43	6	0	6	1	9	0	10	4	0	180	150	120	$51 29	$102 50	$24 50	.....	.....	$31 85	$210 14
Bristol,	1805	.....	.....	....	....	16	20	36	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cornwall,	1785	J. C. Houghton,	A. P.	1868	1879	54	111	165	31	1	4	5	4	1	0	5	1	0	214	140	83	62 47	93 04	42 53	.....	.....	125 00	323 04
Ferrisburgh,	1824	C. S. Murkland,	Sup.	....	1878	24	33	57	10	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	30	50	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middlebury,	1790	.....	.....	....	....	170	286	456	....	6	13	19	5	5	0	10	4	1	223	289	202	137 66	223 00	20 44	$8 28	$21 08	80 92	491 38
New Haven,	1797	S. Knowlton,	P.	1865	1872	112	192	304	50	11	4	15	6	3	0	9	9	2	160	220	130	134 58	295 61	19 85	10 87	40 00	7 00	506 91
Orwell,	1789	M. L. Severance,	P.	1864	1869	70	102	172	13	21	4	25	5	6	0	11	17	4	223	150	100	24 00	134 00	.....	.....	.....	20 10	178 10
Ripton,	1828	Cephas H. Kent, } P. Jas. A. Devine, } A. P.	P. A. P.	1854	1880	22	21	43	9	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	30	40	18	6 17	.....	4 51	.....	5 36	.....	16 04
Salisbury,	1804	.....	.....	....	....	48	60	108	23	18	2	20	5	0	0	5	14	0	150	125	100	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Shoreham,	1784	W. N. Bacon,	P.	1859	1864	34	91	125	12	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	3	0	60	120	60	22 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00	109 00
Vergennes,	1793	Geo. E. Hall,	P.	1875	1877	91	169	260	30	4	2	6	2	2	0	4	4	1	132	200	80	35 00	101 00	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	176 00
Weybridge,	1794	Prof. L. A. Austin,	Sup.	....	1876	31	54	85	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	117	70	25	29 00	8 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 75
Whiting,	1799	L O Hathaway, M.,	Sup.	....	....	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	34	40	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	8 00
Total, 13.		6 P. 2 A. P. 3 S.				740	1254	1994	247	73	32	105	30	30	0	60	58	9	1553	1603	965	$506 17	$1032 90	$131 83	$19 15	$86 44	$284 87	$2061 36

Without Charge—Cephas H. Kent, New Haven; Milton L. Severance, Eben Smith, Middlebury.

Installed—S. F. Calhoun, Orwell, December 28, 1880.

Dismissed—Edward P. Hooker, Middlebury, December 27, 1880; M. L. Severance, Orwell, December 28, 1880.

Licentiate—Prof. Ezra Brainard, Middlebury.

Meeting of Conference—Third Tuesday in December. *Register*—Rev. S. Knowlton.

2. BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. L. C. PARTRIDGE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congreg'tion.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismiss.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Arlington, E.	1843	J. C. McCollom,	A. P.	1869	1873	8	42	50	8	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	80	50	$11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$11 00
Bennington 1st	1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	1843	1853	61	116	177	50	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	140	....	....	253 50	$250 00	.....	$7 00	.....	$46 50	557 00
" 2nd	1836	Edward G. Read,	P.	1865	1875	70	199	269	45	3	11	14	2	2	0	4	1	5	250	250	130	149 08	303 96	$99 53	64 08	$68 98	134 96	820 59
" No.	1868	L. C. Partridge,	A. P.	1860	1975	21	39	60	16	2	0	2	0	2	1	3	2	1	125	95	57	13 37	66 32	6 65	6 72	.....	13 25	106 31
Dorset,	1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	P.	1847	1856	31	80	111	10	2	0	2	2	5	0	7	2	0	126	150	100	20 54	90 81	30 00	3 00	.....	12 35	156 53
" E.	1867	J. L. Harrington,	A. P.	1876	1879	14	24	38	8	3	5	8	0	0	0	0	2	4	93	70	....	35 93	82 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	118 61
Manchester,	1784	Albert C. Reed,	P.	1863	1878	79	135	214	23	1	3	4	4	6	1	11	1	1	185	204	120	68 46	435 87	47 12	23 70	30 59	22 53	628 27
Peru,	1807	S. L. Vincent,	P.	1878	1879	34	57	91	20	0	5	5	3	1	0	4	0	5	100	100	80	4 33	.....	2 38	.....	.....	.....	6 71
Pownal No.	1851	B. B. Scott,	A. P.	1877	1879	11	18	29	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	100	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	20 00
Rupert,	1786	A.B.Lambert, D.D.	A. P.	1837	1874	22	47	69	8	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	115	100	50	.....	357 10	.....	.....	.....	195 00	552 10
Sandgate,	1782	Vacant.	.....	....	....	7	7	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 11.			5 P. 5 A. P.			358	764	1122	194	14	26	40	16	16	2	34	8	19	1259	1149	646	$556 01	$1586 77	$185 68	$104 50	$99 57	$444 59	$2977 12

Without Charge—James Anderson, James Fletcher, Joseph D. Wickham, D. D., Manchester; Charles Redfield, Troy, N. Y.

Installed—S. L. Vincent, Peru, Oct. 30, 1880.

Licentiate—Henry H. Shaw, Northfield.

Meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday in May.

Register—Rev. P. S. Pratt.

3. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. W. THOMPSON.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismiss.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Congl. Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Barnet,	1858	Matthew A. Gates,	A. P.	1858	1880	35	63	98	18	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	95	140	90	$36 35	$81 15	$31 30	$3 45	$3 00	$.....	$155 25
McIndoes,	1829	N. F. Cobleigh,	A. P.	1871	1877	20	60	80	30	1	4	5	2	2	0	4	1	0	100	115	100	12 50	77 85	8 50	.....	.....	14 00	112 85
Burke, East,	1807	Vacant.	.....	....	....	17	26	43	6	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	....	....	16	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Cabot,	1801	B. S. Adams.	P.	1871	1871	46	78	124	13	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	3	140	128	90	8 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....	15 50	41 50
Danville.	1792	C. W. Thompson,	P.	1869	1869	42	80	122	12	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	123	134	90	46 65	61 42	45 50	5 50	.....	4 00	163 07
Hardwick,	1803	C. E. Gordon,	P.	1876	1878	54	94	148	34	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	140	122	70	24 00	13 31	39 27	.....	.....	52 62	129 20
Kirby,	1877	R. D. Osgood,	A. P.	1871	1879	15	12	27	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	34	14	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 43	10 43
Lyndon,	1817	R. D. Osgood,	A. P.	1871	1879	26	68	94	27	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	2	0	125	99	83	35 00	58 82	.....	.....	.....	23 24	35 13	152 19
Lyndonville,	1870	D. E. Curtis.	A. P.	....	1880	26	57	83	27	0	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	1	152	100	100	.....	10 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	20 80
Peacham,	1794	A. W. Wild,	P.	1864	1873	55	139	194	29	1	8	9	5	2	0	7	0	0	275	217	100	29 34	87 23	38 89	15 05	.....	106 32	274 83
St. Johnsb' 1st,	1809	J. Hammond,	A. P.	1871	1878	25	56	81	27	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	65	90	45	10 00	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	4 00	21 00
" No.	1825	H. W. Jones,	P.	1866	1875	142	264	406	99	19	2	21	10	9	0	19	9	8	358	284	160	2168 49	2921 18	916 45	81 86	97 79	406 53	6592 30
" E.	1840	F. B. Phelps,	P.	1870	1879	44	73	117	36	2	2	4	3	0	0	3	1	1	149	130	130	7 80	31 00	22 80	.....	.....	45 00	106 60
" So.	1851	E. T. Fairbanks,	P.	1868	1874	150	232	382	88	8	4	12	2	15	0	17	7	5	357	340	178	1231 52	1772 75	310 00	1080 00	254 16	192 25	4840 68
Waterford,	1798	C. F. Morse,	A. P.	1856	1878	57	75	132	37	1	0	1	6	0	0	6	0	1	115	90	65	8 33	30 32	13 28	.....	.....	18 78	70 71
Total, 15.		7 P. 6 A. P.				754	1377	2131	487	36	22	58	48	44	0	92	21	19	2228	2023	1331	$3623 98	$5178 83	$1427 99	$1183 86	$378 19	$908 56	$12701 41

Without Charge—Henry Fairbanks, Homer T. Fuller, William W. Thayer, St. Johnsbury.

Dismissed—Nathan R. Nichols, Barnet, April 6, 1880.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—Rev. C. W. Thompson.

4. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. AUSTIN HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismiss.	Exc	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Burlington 1st,	1805	L. O. Brastow, D.D.	P.	1861	1873	134	265	399	75	0	13	13	2	6	0	8	0	6	225	400	175	$522 15	$444 44	$100 31	.....	.....	$133 05	$1199 95
" 3d,	1860	G. B. Safford, D.D.	P.	1858	8160	48	120	168	27	0	5	5	2	5	1	8	0	0	110	250	75	145 00	157 00	20 00	.....	$13 00	62 63	397 63
Charlotte,	1792	H. B. Putnam,	A. P.	1868	1879	61	102	163	57	4	2	6	4	0	0	4	4	0	150	150	83	73 56	72 00	91 50	.....	43 00	15 00	295 06
Colchester,	1804	A. S. Barton,	A. P.	1862	1877	9	49	58	17	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	0	75	60	40	33 75	19 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 42
" Winooski,	1836	E. Hungerford,	A. P.	1871	1880	12	44	56	20	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	70	75	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Essex,	1797	John Cowan,	A. P.	1875	1875	28	74	102	26	19	0	19	1	3	0	4	13	0	115	75	32	10 00	27 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	57 42
" Junction,	1869	John Cowan,	A. P.	1875	1876	26	54	80	26	19	3	22	1	0	0	1	17	9	245	135	45	.....	7 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 10
Hinesburgh,	1789	Artemas C. Field,	A. P.	1866	1880	32	85	117	35	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	90	100	41	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Jericho 1st,	1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	1860	1864	27	56	83	13	1	2	3	3	1	0	4	0	1	175	133	75	33 00	57 00	.....	.....	.....	78 00	118 00
" 2d,	1826	J. D. Emerson,	A. P.	1858	1878	15	37	52	9	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	120	100	35	7 10	51 21	7 00	.....	5 26	17 75	88 32
Milton,	1804	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1869	26	56	82	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	150	90	50	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	25 00
" West,	1853	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1870	12	14	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	40	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richmond,	1801	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	1860	1875	13	28	41	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	72	50	26 00	42 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	88 00
South Hero,	1795	O. G. Wheeler,	P.	1840	1840	26	73	99	16	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	....	150	60	.....	86 00	.....	.....	.....	17 00	103 00
Underhill,	1801	J. D. Emerson,	A. P.	1858	1876	36	52	88	20	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	168	120	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 19	13 19
Westford,	1801	Geo. P. Byington,	A. P.	1868	1869	30	76	106	18	5	2	7	1	4	0	5	4	13	110	130	70	.....	65 50	8 00	.....	.....	.....	73 50
Williston,	1800	F. W. Olmsted,	A. P.	1848	1877	23	40	63	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	52	30	10 00	32 90	16 50	.....	.....	.....	59 40
Total, 17.		3 P., 10 A.				558	1225	1783	417	53	34	87	23	25	1	49	41	31	1971	2132	978	$860 56	$1076 82	$249 31	00	$61 26	$836 62	$2584 57

Without Charge—James Buckham, J. E. Goodrich, H. P. Hickok, H. A. P. Torrey, Andrew J. Willard, M. D., John H. Worcester, D. D., Burlington; John C. Wilder, Charlotte; Charles M. Seaton, Essex Junction.

Licentiate—Matthew H. Buckham, Burlington.

Deceased—John K. Converse, Burlington.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—Rev. Geo. B. Safford, D. D.

5. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. DUREN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Congl. Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Granby & Vic.	1825	Charles Duren,	A. P.	1841	1874	13	22	35	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	45	23	$12 00	$34 50	$4 50	.....	.....	$2 00	$53 00
Guildhall,	1799	S. W. Chapin,	A. P.	1878	1880	19	47	66	26	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	60	70	35	15 15	3 25	.....	.....	.....	5 50	23 90
Lunenburgh,	1802	L. W. Harris.	A. P.	1842	1878	26	61	87	27	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	85	125	41	.....	49 30	.....	.....	.....	5 75	55 05
Total, 3.		2 A. P.				58	130	188	52	2	3	5	3	1	0	4	1	0	208	240	99	$27 15	$87 05	$4 50	.....	.....	$13 25	$131 95

Without Charge—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—Rev. George W. Osgood, Littleton, N. H.

6. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. A. B. SWIFT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Mis. Assoc.	Amer Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Alburgh,	1824	R. Hicks,	A. P.	1867	1877	22	69	91	30	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	1	0	100	100	55	.....	$20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$20 00
Bakersfield,	1811	J. K. Fuller,	A. P.	1876	1877	37	75	112	30	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	2	79	95	63	$5 00	15 50	$8 25	.....	.....	$29 40	58 15
Berkshire, E.,	1820	E. W. Hatch,	P.	1866	1866	35	44	79	5	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	100	80	32	14 00	17 00	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	46 00
Enosburgh,	1811	A. B. Swift,	A. P.	1855	1861	59	83	142	42	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	119	75	40	10 75	115 50	17 00	$7 25	.....	15 50	166 00
Fairfield,	1800	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1880	8	12	20	6	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	30	30	6 20	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 20
Franklin,	1817	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	14	30	44	7	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	57	45	18	5 00	7 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 18
Georgia,	1793	C. W. Clark,	A. P.	1861	1879	25	52	77	21	7	2	9	1	1	0	2	3	1	80	70	26	19 57	61 65	10 00	.....	.....	7 43	98 59
Highgate,	1811	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1878	17	38	55	10	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	0	1	69	63	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 79	9 79
Montgomery,	1817	E. W. Hatch,	A. P.	1866	1866	15	23	38	11	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	47	45	16	3 00	2 90	.....	.....	.....	2 15	8 05
Sheldon,	1816	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	18	30	48	11	0	1	1	1	4	0	5	0	0	76	60	36	2 54	8 80	32 83	.....	.....	7 66	57 83
St. Albans,	1803	C. Van Norden,	P.	1866	1873	141	179	320	80	1	1	2	3	6	0	9	0	4	260	350	85	250 00	350 00	130 54	10 95	.....	438 51	1200 00
Swanton,	1801	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1877	61	114	175	40	2	3	5	1	2	1	4	0	0	131	130	85	238 20	135 20	105 00	.....	.....	96 02	574 42
Total, 12.		2 P., 6 A. P.				452	749	1201	293	16	16	32	14	21	1	36	4	10	1134	1143	516	$554 20	$739 73	$333 62	$18 20		$611 46	$2257 21

Without Charge—Calvin B. Cady, Alburgh Springs.

Meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in June.

Register, Rev. Richard Hicks.

7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. G. HALE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Mtn. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregtion.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Cambridge,	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	A. P.	1856	1876	24	43	67	5	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	95	130	48	$7 00	$52 00	$125 00	.....	.....	$105 00	$289 00
Hyde Park,	1863	Vacant.	.....	....	....	4	15	19	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" North,	1858	A. A. Smith.	S.	1864	1880	10	12	22	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	150	75	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnson,	1817	A. A. Smith,	P.	1864	1879	36	72	108	19	1	6	7	1	1	0	2	0	2	160	119	65	$17 25	40 00	11 00	.....	.....	8 00	76 25
Morrisville,	1807	W. A. Bushee,	P.	1869	1880	44	76	120	17	2	3	5	2	7	0	9	2	2	111	130	80	20 21	23 70	17 84	.....	.....	.....	61 75
Stowe,	1818	J. G. Hale,	A. P.	1852	1877	20	57	77	17	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	108	93	75	55 94	94 72	40 23	.....	.....	.....	190 89
Waterville,	1823	Vacant,	.....	....	....	9	19	28	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	85	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wolcott,	1818	C. J. Richardson.	A. P.	1878	1880	21	42	63	23	1	1	2	4	1	0	5	0	1	80	58	52	20 18	10 39	5 00	$2 56	$2 75	.....	40 88
Total, 8.		2 A. P., 3 A. P.				168	336	504	98	7	10	17	10	11	1	22	4	5	874	690	370	$120 58	$230 81	$199 07	$2 56	$2 75	$113 00	$658 77

Ordained—Henry O. Dwight, Morrisville, July 1, 1881, Missionary A. B. C. F. M.

Installed—Azro A. Smith, Johnson, November 30, 1880; William A. Bushee. Morrisville, December 2, 1880.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*, Rev. Edwin Wheelock.

8. ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. BATES.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Bradford,	1810	Allen Clark,	A. P.	1868	1880	33	117	150	15	3	3	6	2	2	0	4	1	0	217	197	140	$20 05	$59 26	$39 50	.....	.....	$29 75	$148 56
Braintree,	1794	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	17	34	51	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	50	43	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 52	11 52
" E.	1871	C. P. Smith,	A. P.	1858	1880	18	45	63	29	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	80	60	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brookfield, 1st,	1787	Wm. M. Gay,	A. P.	1863	1880	32	45	77	4	3	1	4	2	4	0	6	2	0	120	75	54	.....	33 00	.....	.....	.....	9 87	42 87
" 2nd,	1848	J. P. Demeritt,	A. P.	1870	1880	56	89	145	17	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	1	188	115	121	21 36	18 50	12 15	.....	.....	9 00	61 01
Chelsea,	1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	1864	1870	60	112	172	39	6	2	8	4	1	0	5	2	0	164	175	200	32 00	60 00	27 00	.....	.....	.....	119 00
Corinth,	1820	Horace P. James,	S.	L.	1880	46	90	136	29	0	0	0	1	8	0	9	0	0	143	168	129	10 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
Fairlee,	1833	J. T. Closson,	A. P.	1871	1878	13	27	40	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	100	40	.....	25 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Newbury,	1764	S. L. Bates,	P.	1864	1871	48	134	182	36	5	6	11	5	2	0	7	4	0	170	215	115	126 20	242 04	28 57	.....	123 33	166 83	686 97
" Wells R.	1842	E. J. Ranslow,	A. P.	1869	1875	61	123	184	26	0	5	5	2	7	0	9	0	2	300	240	200	78 91	50 38	21 87	.....	.....	14 42	165 58
" West,	1867	A. B. Lyon,	A. P.	1858	1875	17	30	47	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	70	60	15 00	18 00	11 29	.....	.....	.....	44 29
Orange,	1876	A.M.Masenheimer	S.	L.	1880	18	36	54	4	3	2	5	0	1	1	2	2	0	70	100	70	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00
Randolph,	1786	W. S. Blaisdell,	A. P.	1868	1876	40	59	99	14	2	8	10	1	1	1	3	1	1	175	160	42	7 00	9 00	4 00	$4 00	.....	43 83	67 83
" West,	1831	V. M. Hardy,	P.	1872	1878	50	102	152	48	0	4	4	7	6	1	14	0	0	230	132	90	12 31	45 75	16 68	.....	7 45	35 27	117 46
Strafford,	1820	Henry Cummings,	P.	1851	1874	18	37	55	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	94	63	48	31 60	50 25	15 00	.....	.....	20 00	116 25
Thetford,	1773	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	48	98	146	38	0	0	0	7	4	0	11	0	0	167	100	50	91 50	94 12	22 00	.....	3 00	17 00	227 62
" Post M.	1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	23	45	68	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	70	50	.....	57 10	.....	.....	.....	22 00	79 10
" North,	1878	J. T. Closson,	A. P.	1871	1878	12	29	41	2	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	80	110	45	10 67	20 45	13 63	.....	.....	.....	44 75
Tunbridge,	1792	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	13	24	37	6	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	30	46	26	14 61	4 57	.....	4 37	.....	3 37	26 92
Vershire,	1787	Evan Thomas,	S.	L.	1880	11	14	25	0	0	3	3	1	3	0	1	0	0	38	60	20	10 00	23 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 00
West Fairlee,	1809	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	26	38	64	16	0	3	3	0	7	0	7	0	0	75	65	29	21 00	10 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	47 00
Williamstown,	1795	Wm. Schofield,	A. P.	1874	1880	34	63	97	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	89	63	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	12 00
Total, 22		4 P. 9 A. P. 2 S.				694	1391	2085	392	25	40	65	40	52	3	95	14	6	2675	2434	1677	$501 61	$869 42	$225 69	$8 37	$133 78	$391 86	$2130 73

Without Charge—Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Isaac Hosford, North Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire.

Dismissed—George W. Osgood, Tunbridge, Dec. 31, 1880.

Meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday in May.

Register—Edward Conant, Randolph.

9. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Albany,	1818	E. D. Smith,	S.	L.	1880	19	32	51	15	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	80	85	40	.....	$3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$3 00
Barton,	1817	Lawrence Phelps,	P.	1878	1878	21	76	97	....	3	1	4	2	0	0	2	2	0	140	170	100	$167 00	160 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	327 00
Brighton,	1841	S. R. Bonnell,	A. P.	1878	1880	3	8	11	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	50	75	50	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$10 00	30 00
Browning'n, Barton L'd'g	1809	J. A. Bates,	A. P.	1860	1879	44	77	121	8	4	4	8	4	0	0	4	3	9	140	165	117	.....	51 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 00
Charleston,	1844	W. T. Herrick,	A. P.	1851	1872	32	52	84	21	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	100	90	50	47 50	80 00	$22 50	.....	$8 65	59 06	217 71
Coventry,	1810	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	26	64	90	14	5	1	6	2	1	0	3	1	0	150	....	50	.....	25 08	.....	.....	.....	8 13	33 21
Craftsbury,	1797	Joseph Boardman,	A. P.	1861	1875	41	77	118	21	12	2	14	5	5	0	10	6	0	130	85	56	14 41	94 00	23 41	$3 78	.....	.....	135 60
Derby,	1807	G. S. Butler,	A. P.	1877	1880	37	62	99	13	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	157	....	46	.....	36 26	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 26
Glover,	1817	C. B. Thomas,	P.	1862	1876	31	76	107	18	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	...	110	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro,	1804	William Coburn,	S.	L.	1881	18	39	57	3	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	120	75	50	41 50	54 25	17 50	.....	.....	14 10	127 35
Holland,	1842	John Frazer,	A. P.	1852	1879	13	20	33	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	....	30	6 34	20 91	8 37	.....	.....	5 00	40 62
Irasburgh,	1818	William Carr,	A. P.	1880	1879	26	42	68	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	141	100	52	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 17	45 17
Lowell,	1816	Rufus King,	A. P.	1850	1880	39	53	92	....	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	....	100	....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Morgan,	1823	W. T. Herrick,	A. P.	1851	1875	5	17	22	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	75	22	12 50	7 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	20 50
Newport,	1831	E. P. Wild,	P.	1865	1874	50	88	138	14	3	5	8	1	4	0	5	3	2	171	152	100	52 40	96 32	24 35	10 00	5 77	49 44	238 28
Troy,	1845	J. N. Walker,	S.	1880	1880	1	10	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	50	20	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
" North,	1818	J. N. Walker,	P.	1880	1880	34	54	88	14	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	130	....	....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30
Westfield,	1818	Rufus King,	A. P.	1850	1880	24	36	60	11	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	75	30	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50
Total, 18		4 P., 8 A. P., 2 S.				464	883	1347	173	29	19	48	32	21	0	53	15	11	1738	1407	903	$389 15	$629 12	$96 13	$13 78	$14 42	$183 90	$1326 50

Without Charge—R. V. Hall, W. C. Somerville, Newport; Jabez T. Howard, West Charleston; George Stone, North Troy.

Ordained—William Carr, Irasburgh, Sept. 1, 1880; *Ordained and Installed*, Joseph N. Walker, North Troy, Sept. 28, 1880.

Dismissed—Moses Patten, Greensboro, December 15, 1880.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*, Rev. E. P. Wild.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Congl Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Benson,	1790	George G. Lyon,	A. P.	1858	1879	52	93	145	40	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	135	180	50	$23 26	$90 00	$30 00	.....	.....	$15 00	$158 26
Brandon,	1785	Walter Rice,	A. P.	1865	1880	74	157	231	50	3	4	7	4	6	0	10	1	0	180	130	109	42 00	35 60	6 00	.....	.....	.....	83 60
Castleton,	1784	Edw. T. Hooker,	P.	1868	1875	46	115	161	23	2	0	2	5	3	0	8	2	1	123	100	90	26 05	59 75	25 60	.....	$8 50	3 53	123 43
Clarendon,	1822	Geo. H. Morss,	P.	1864	1876	22	45	67	7	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	80	70	20 17	79 00	83 76	$8 50	7 85	53 67	252 92
Danby,	1869	Lucian D. Mears,	A. P.	1871	1876	6	17	23	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	78	39	30	9 00	3 00	1 63	.....	.....	.....	13 63
Fair Haven,	1803	R. C. Flagg,	A. P.	1872	1880	28	71	99	14	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	125	100	60	36 00	27 00	18 38	.....	.....	.....	81 38
" Welsh,	1857	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	16	33	49	0	0	4	4	1	2	0	3	0	0	87	75	32	10 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 44
Hubbardton,	1782	John C. Edgar,	A. P	1875	1879	18	33	51	1	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	0	78	86	38	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Middletown,	1780	Osborn Myrick,	A. P.	1846	1866	36	52	88	21	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	127	100	75	12 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 00
Pawlet,	1781	N. S. Moore,	A. P.	1868	1880	25	70	95	13	4	0	4	0	1	0	1	3	0	80	130	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 13	18 13
Pittsford,	1784	Chas. C. McIntire,	P.	1861	1880	74	159	233	35	0	3	3	3	3	0	6	0	0	160	175	128	56 11	123 39	30 00	.....	15 00	.....	224 50
Poultney,	1780	Calvin Granger,	A. P.	1834	1873	25	41	66	17	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	60	22	2 50	15 33	.....	.....	.....	20 00	37 83
Rutland,	1788	J. G. Johnson, D.D.	P.	1866	1870	228	371	599	85	4	18	22	10	33	0	43	3	8	494	500	420	365 50	1120 76	193 07	.....	25 00	103 00	1807 33
" West,	1775	J. K. Williams,	A. P.	1866	1872	85	163	248	26	0	0	0	6	9	2	17	0	2	175	160	120	70 04	85 30	22 84	.....	25 00	29 00	232 18
Sudbury,	1791	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	7	12	19	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wallingford,	1792	Chas. N. Brainard,	A. P.	1876	1880	45	113	158	24	4	5	9	0	2	0	2	4	2	115	140	110	68 63	244 00	52 97	.....	.....	14 69	380 29
West Haven,	1817	G. G. Lyon,	S.	1858	1879	6	9	15	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	.....	27	7	5 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 25
Total, 17		4 P., 10 A. P.				799	1554	2347	381	27	40	67	35	66	2	103	16	14	2107	2032	1479	$756 95	$1908 13	$464 25	$8 50	$81 52	$257 02	$3476 17

Without Charge—William Denison, Ulric Maynard, Levi H. Stone, Castleton; Amasa Steward, Pittsford.

Installed—Charles C. McIntire, Pittsford, Dec. 28, 1880.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—Rev. John K. Williams.

11. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. W. S. HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Average Congrega'on.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Barre,	1799	Leonard Tenney,	A. P.	1845	1868	56	107	163	37	1	1	2	5	1	1	7	1	5	280	140	130	$18 00	$60 00	$10 15	.....	.....	$48 69	$136 84
Berlin,	1798	Alden Ladd,	A. P.	1865	1879	27	47	74	26	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	6	1	116	90	40	19 71	13 17	11 00	$5 65	$7 02	93 46	150 01
" West,	1865	Alden Ladd,	A. P.	1865	1879	5	15	20	1	3	2	5	3	0	0	3	3	0	40	41	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00	11 00
Duxbury,	1836	S. B. Currier, (M.)	S.	....	1880	10	10	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	60	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshfield	1826	Paul H Pitkin,	P.	1866	1878	18	29	47	9	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	1	62	67	19	24 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 00
Montpelier,	1808	John H Hincks,	P.	1877	1877	63	165	233	37	10	3	13	8	7	0	15	5	2	187	200	150	107 01	153 32	86 31	.....	.....	90 20	376 84
Northfield,	1822	William S Hazen,	P.	1864	1863	38	76	114	19	5	2	7	2	3	0	5	4	1	153	130	76	57 12	56 49	10 52	11 86	.....	37 75	153 74
Plainfield,	1799	Clark E Ferrin,	P.	1851	1877	16	29	45	7	8	3	11	1	0	0	1	7	0	58	60	35	7 00	5 79	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 79
Roxbury,	1864	Chas. H. Covell, L.	S.	....	1879	15	31	46	16	0	1	1	2	5	0	7	0	0	100	72	35	7 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	3 50	15 86
Waitsfield,	1796	S. H. Robinson,	P.	1877	1877	41	93	134	18	1	1	2	2	2	0	4	1	0	180	142	90	15 00	23 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	48 10
Warren,	1816	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterbury,	1801	S. H. Wheeler,	P.	1875	1875	62	107	169	22	0	0	0	3	7	0	4	0	1	200	175	125	30 00	40 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Woodbury,	1875	H. R. Howes,	A. P.	1870	1879	17	27	44	8	0	0	0	2	1	1	10	0	0	75	65	35	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Worcester,	1824	P. H. Carpenter,	P.	1879	1878	14	41	55	19	9	2	11	2	2	0	4	7	1	65	80	40	11 25	7 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 70
Total, 14		7 P., 3 A. P., 2 S.				387	777	1164	212	46	16	62	31	30	2	63	35	12	1576	1322	838	$279 45	$374 32	$87 98	$17 51	$12 02	$294 60	$1065 88

Without Charge—Alanson D. Barber, Charles S. Smith, John F. Stone, Montpelier; Horace Pratt, Northfield.

Meeting of Conference—Third Tuesday in January. *Register*—Rev. John H. Hincks.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amre. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Brattleboro	1816	Geo. E. Martin,	P.	1879	1878	85	210	295	34	7	8	15	6	14	0	20	4	5	235	287	150	$62 07	$426 72	$28 58	$17 51	$63 09	$15 33	$613 30
" West,	1770	C. H. Merrill,	P.	1870	1873	70	118	188	26	3	2	5	2	1	0	3	3	1	246	167	96	161 58	220 56	103 07	8 91	21 40	43 31	558 83
Dover,	1802	Vacant.	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" West,	1868	Vacant.	.....	....	....	18	25	43	9	7	0	7	4	0	0	4	0	0	60	60	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dummerston,	1779	Josiah Merrill,	A. P.	1848	1880	23	66	89	18	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	80	30	10 87	26 50	4 06	.....	.....	.....	41 43
Grafton,	1785	E. J. Ward,	P.	1868	1867	32	73	105	26	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	....	....	65	.....	32 00	32 00	.....	.....	.....	64 00
Guilford East,	1768	Vacant.	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamaica,	1791	Orrin G. Baker,	P.	1878	1878	19	41	60	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	71	125	12 00	10 00	5 00	7 40	8 10	7 00	49 50
Londonderry,	1868	C. H. Cooledge,	S.	L.	1880	8	21	29	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	40	22	.....	10 00	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	15 00
Marlboro,	1776	A. W. Clayton, M.	S.	....	1877	3	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	70	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newfane:—																												
" Fayetteville,	1774	George Porter,	A. P.	1861	1879	21	64	85	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	120	100	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Putney,	1776	Austin Dodge,	A. P.	1866	1878	20	64	84	13	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	0	100	125	38	47 50	25 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	97 50
Rockingham:—																												
" Saxton's Riv.,	1825	Amos Holbrook,	A. P.	1866	1876	30	54	84	17	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	123	104	90	15 85	15 68	12 00	.....	.....	12 18	55 71
" Bellows Falls,	1850	A. B. Dascomb,	A. P.	1862	1879	42	71	113	25	1	4	5	2	8	0	10	1	4	130	130	75	57 29	77 74	21 56	71 00	.....	64 36	291 95
" Cambridge'rt,	1868	Amos Holbrook,	A. P.	1866	1878	11	20	31	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	50	55	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Stratton,	1801	Vacant.	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Townshend,	1777	George Porter,	A. P.	1861	1877	44	65	109	21	4	1	5	1	0	0	1	3	0	158	140	62	.....	45 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....	63 00
" West,	1850	C. J. Switzer,	A. P.	1867	1878	15	47	62	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	70	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	15 00
Wardsboro	1793	R. D. Metcalf,	P.	1880	1879	16	31	47	14	12	1	13	3	1	1	5	10	0	60	47	43	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	9 00
Westminster,	1767	Vacant.	.....	....	....	27	85	112	23	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	1	0	162	135	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" West,	1799	A. Stevens, D. D.,	P.	1843	1842	33	47	80	11	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	125	80	37 37	124 00	33 28	.....	.....	49 00	243 65
Wilmington,	1855	S. Hamilton, (M.)	S.	....	1880	20	41	61	15	3	0	3	2	3	1	6	3	2	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Windham,	1806	Charles A. Perry,	S.	....	1880	36	61	97	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	90	65	.....	37 71	.....	.....	.....	24 36	62 07
Total 24.		6 P., 6 A. P., 4 S.				573	1209	1782	302	44	20	64	32	30	2	64	29	14	2099	1821	1267	$410 53	$1033 91	$259 55	$104 82	$95 59	$261 54	$2185 94

Without Charge—Charles Burnham, Townshend; Amos Foster Putney; Lewis Grout, West Brattleboro.

Meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in September. *Register*, Rev. C. H. Merrill.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congrega'on.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Congl Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Bethel,	1817	Elbridge Gerry,	A. P.	1868	1872	16	39	49	11	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	60	80	33	.....	$8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$13 80	$21 80
Bridgewater,	1793	Rolla G. Bugbee,	A. P.	1876	1880	15	38	53	15	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	3	2	48	100	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chester,	1773	H. L. Slack,	P.	1877	1877	58	120	178	37	2	4	6	3	4	0	7	2	0	175	175	90	$65 86	60 30	$91 66	.....	.....	43 24	261 06
Hartford,	1786	S. I. Briant,	P.	1868	1875	56	109	165	25	0	1	1	5	2	0	7	0	0	196	174	128	61 80	83 45	152 58	$4 60	$18 13	1 25	321 81
" West,	1830	Robert D. Miller.	A. P.	1856	1880	25	50	75	22	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	52	70	58	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	16 00
" Quechee,	1831	N. F. Carter,	P.	1867	1879	19	72	91	26	7	10	17	0	1	0	1	5	0	122	130	140	30 42	40 00	18 78	.....	20 50	64 81	174 51
Hartland,	1779	C. M. Winch,	P.	1853	1880	9	46	55	7	7	7	14	1	0	0	1	6	2	69	70	42	11 88	8 00	.....	.....	.....	14 38	34 26
Ludlow,	1806	Josiah B. Clark,	A. P.	1839	1880	30	83	113	34	2	0	2	0	0	3	3	2	0	150	90	44	24 44	17 25	26 11	.....	.....	80 20	148 00
Norwich,	1819	N. R. Nichols,	A. P.	1872	1880	65	132	197	37	0	3	3	4	6	0	10	0	0	155	159	150	60 00	81 81	25 00	.....	4 15	108 85	279 81
Pittsfield,	1803	T. S. Hubbard,	A. P.	1839	1878	22	35	57	1	0	3	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	25	80	29	12 00	31 39	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 39
Plymouth,	1804	Vacant,	.....	....	....	5	6	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pomfret,	1783	W. A. Remele, L.,	S.	....	1879	9	31	40	4	0	0	0	5	0	1	5	0	0	80	80	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rochester,	1801	Vacant,	.....	....	....	46	77	117	17	23	1	24	1	6	0	7	19	0	112	112	46	12 00	24 08	14 00	.....	.....	23 00	73 00
Royalton,	1777	S. W. Dike,	P.	1869	1878	30	73	103	25	0	2	2	5	2	0	7	0	0	90	100	41	20 80	64 00	28 50	.....	.....	30 25	143 55
" South,	1868	S. K. B. Perkins,	A. P.	1860	1876	18	37	55	6	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	112	96	58	15 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	18 60	36 60
Sharon,	1782	E. B. Chamberlain	A. P.	1856	1874	20	57	77	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	105	80	61	.....	15 00	3 00	.....	.....	20 00	38 00
Springfield,	1781	T. M. Ross,	P.	1866	1877	91	226	317	61	8	2	10	8	6	0	14	8	7	227	248	180	531 00	1051 50	643 00	287 00	352 66	190 07	3055 23
Stockbridge,	1827	James Hay,	A. P.	1852	1879	12	20	32	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	60	20	12 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00
Weathersf. C.,	1775	L. E. Rockwell, M.	S.	....	1880	23	34	57	30	2	1	3	4	1	0	5	1	0	80	75	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" E.,	1838	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	12	17	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Ascutneyv.,	1869	Moses H. Wells,	A. P.	1845	1880	8	17	25	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	100	30	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	4 33	19 33
Weston,	1799	J. R. Flint,	P.	1879	1878	15	22	37	10	1	4	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	42	20	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 75	15 75
Windsor,	1768	Jarvis Richards,	A. P.	1880	1879	62	103	165	25	1	1	2	2	4	0	6	0	14	110	145	101	.....	134 00	56 00	.....	.....	64 00	254 00
Woodstock,	1781	L. W. Hicks.	P.	1874	1874	63	142	205	29	7	3	10	5	3	0	8	6	0	151	167	110	198 42	171 29	166 53	20 45	16 20	974 64	1547 51
Total, 24		8 P. 11 A. P. 2 S.				717	1586	2303	444	63	47	110	55	38	4	97	52	26	2309	2433	1531	$1072 62	$1818 99	$1225 16	$312 03	$414 64	$1661 17	$6504 61

Without Charge—J. S. Chapman, Chester; Jonathan Clement, D. D., Norwich; Aurelius S. Swift, Stockbridge.

Installed—Caleb M. Winch, Hartland, July 1, 1880.

Deceased—Richard T. Searle, Danvers, Mass., June 30, 1880.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday of June. *Register*—Rev. Henry L. Slack.

SUMMARY.—JAN. 1, 1881.

CONFER'NCES	CHURCHES.							MINISTERS.								Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap's.		Sabbath School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	Benevolent Contributions.						
	Total.	With Pastors.	With Acting Pastors.	With Supplies.	Vacant.	Net gain.	Net loss.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Licentiates.	Without Charge.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Excision.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	American Missionary Association.	American College and Education Society.	American Congregational Union.	All other Charities.	Total Contributions.
Addison,	13	5	2	3	3	45	0	6	2	1	3	0	1	2	1	11	740	1254	1994	247	73	32	105	30	30	0	60	58	9	1553	1603	965	$506 17	$1032 90	$131 83	$19 15	$86 44	$284 87	$2061 36
Bennington,	11	5	5	0	1	6	0	5	5	1	4	0	1	0	0	14	358	764	1122	194	14	26	40	16	16	2	34	8	19	1259	1149	646	556 01	1586 77	185 68	104 50	99 57	444 59	2977 12
Caledonia,	15	7	7	0	1	6	34	7	6	0	3	0	0	1	0	16	754	1377	2131	487	36	22	58	48	44	0	92	21	19	2728	2023	1331	3623 98	5178 83	1427 99	1183 86	378 19	908 56	12701 41
Chittenden,	17	3	14	0	0	38	0	5	10	1	8	0	0	0	1	21	558	1225	1783	417	53	34	87	23	25	1	49	41	31	1971	2132	978	860 56	1076 82	249 31	.....	61 26	336 62	2584 57
Essex,	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	58	130	188	52	2	3	5	3	1	0	4	1	0	208	240	90	327 15	87 05	4 50	.....	.....	13 25	131 95
Frank. & Gr. I.	12	2	10	0	0	0	4	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	452	749	1201	293	16	16	32	14	21	1	36	4	10	1134	1143	516	554 20	759 73	333 62	18 20	.....	611 46	2257 21
Lamoille,	8	2	3	1	2	0	5	2	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	5	168	336	504	98	7	10	17	10	11	1	22	4	5	874	690	370	120 58	220 81	199 07	2 56	2 75	113 00	658 77
Orange,	22	4	10	3	5	0	30	4	9	3	3	0	0	1	0	16	694	1391	2085	392	25	40	65	40	52	3	95	14	6	2675	2434	1677	501 61	869 42	225 69	8 37	133 78	891 86	2130 73
Orleans,	18	4	10	3	1	0	5	4	8	2	4	2	1	1	0	16	464	883	1347	173	29	19	48	32	21	0	53	15	11	1738	1407	903	389 15	629 12	96 13	133 78	14 42	183 90	1326 50
Rutland,	17	4	10	1	2	0	36	4	10	0	4	0	1	1	0	18	793	1554	2347	381	27	40	67	35	65	2	103	16	14	2107	2032	1470	756 95	1908 13	464 25	8 50	81 32	257 02	3476 17
Washington,	14	7	4	2	1	0	1	7	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	14	387	777	1164	212	46	16	62	31	30	2	63	35	12	1576	1322	838	279 45	374 32	87 98	17 51	12 02	294 60	1065 88
Windham,	23	6	8	4	5	6	0	5	6	1	3	1	1	1	1	15	573	1209	1782	302	44	20	64	32	30	2	64	29	14	2099	1821	1267	410 53	1053 91	259 55	104 82	95 59	261 54	2185 94
Windsor,	24	8	11	2	3	13	0	8	11	0	3	1	3	0	2	22	717	1586	2303	444	63	47	110	55	38	4	97	52	26	2305	2435	1531	1072 62	1818 99	1225 16	312 03	414 64	1661 17	6504 61
13	197	57	97	19	24	103	115	58	82	10	41	5	10	7	5	181	6716	13235	19951	3692	435	325	760	369	385	18	772	298	176	21727	20429	12591	$9658 96	$16576 80	$4890 76	$1793 28	$1379 98	$5762 44	$40062 22

"ACTING PASTORS" include only ordained Congl. Ministers.—"OTHER SUPPLIES" include Ministers of other denominations.—"NOT SUPPLIED," i. e., statedly by one person.

THE ASSOCIATIONS.

ive the names of the Congregational Ministers of Vermont respective Associations, the dates of their ordination and of ning of their membership, their residence, and ministerial ent or relation. Also, so far as known, the organization, Register and times of meeting of the Associations. (Only bers *in Vermont* of the Associations intersected by the Conriver are given.)

I. ADDISON ASSOCIATION.

E. E. HALL, Register. 4th Tuesday January, April, July and October.

mbers.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
Aiken,	Jan. 14, 1857,	April 27, 1875,	Rutland,	W. C.
Bacon,	Dec. 28, 1859,	April 25, 1865,	Shoreham,	P.
all.	Sept. 2, 1875,	July, 1878,	Vergennes,	P.
way,	Jan. 22, 1839,	June 2, 1852,	Manchester,	W. C.
ghton,	Jan. 15, 1868,	July 22, 1879,	Cornwall,	A. P.
albert, D. D.,	Oct. 20, 1859,	April 25, 1860,	Lyndonville,	A. P.
ent,	Oct. 22, 1828,	Jan. 22, 1862,	New Haven,	P. ret.
owlton,	Nov. 2, 1868,	Oct. 22, 1873,	New Haven,	W. C.
haree, Jr.,	June 12, 1860,	April 26, 1860,	Oroomiah, Persia,	Mis. Pres. Bd.
Merrill,	July 14, 1858,	April 26, 1881,	Salisbury,	A. P.
verance,	Feb. 17, 1864,	Jan. 26, 1869,	Middlebury,	W. C.
ith,	Aug. 18, 1846,	Jan. 26, 1870,	Middlebury,	W. C.
Winchester,	March 23, 1854,	Jan. 27, 1867,	Blacklington, Ms.,	W. C.
	Licentiate,	Oct. 26, 1869,	.....	.....
rd,	Licentiate,	Jan. 26, 1870,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Coll.
eans,	Licentiate,	April 24, 1877,	.....	.....

II. BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION.

JAMES ANDERSON, Register. Last Tuesday May, July, Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar.

rson,	Aug. 12, 1829,	Feb. 2, 1830,	Manchester,	W. C.
ark,	Dec., 1838,	Sept. 28, 1858,	Ludlow,	A. P.
gs,	June 14, 1843,	May 29, 1854,	Bennington Cen.,	P.
mbert, D. D.,	Nov. 2, 1837,	May 25, 1875,	Rupert,	A. P.
cCollom,	March 23, 1869,	May 25, 1875,	Post Mills,	A. P.
rtridge,	May 6, 1860,	May 31, 1876,	North Bennington,	A. P.
ratt,	Sept. 29, 1847,	May 26, 1857,	Dorset,	P.
lin Read,	Oct. 11, 1865,	May 31, 1876,	Bennington,	P.
	Sept. 24, 1829,	May 11, 1880,	Bennington,	W. C.
field,	June 9, 1859,	May 31, 1870,	Troy, N. Y.,	W. C.
ed,	June 24, 1863,	May 13, 1879,	Manchester,	P.
ickham, D. D.,	July 31, 1824,	Oct. 27, 1840,	Manchester,	W. C.
aw,	Licentiate,	May 8, 1877,	Northfield,	Teacher.

III. CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 10, 1811. J. HAMMOND, Scribe. 2d Tuesday January, March, May, Sept. and Nov.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
Benjamin S. Adams,	Nov. 22, 1871,	1877,	Cabot,	P.
Stephen A. Barnard,	Jan. 13, 1830,	1851,	Lansing, Mich.,	W. C.
Nelson F. Cobleigh,	Aug. 16, 1871,	Jan. 14, 1878,	McIndoes Falls,	A. P.
Ephraim C. Cummings,	March 17, 1858,	1861,	Portland, Me.,	W. C.
Charles Duren,	Feb. 3, 1841,	Nov. 9, 1860,	Granby,	A. P.
Edward T. Fairbanks,	Jan. 1, 1868,	1868,	St. Johnsbury,	P.
Henry Fairbanks,	Feb. 17, 1858,	1869,	St. Johnsbury,	S. VT. Y. M. C. A
Homer T. Fuller,	Jan. 18, 1870,	1871,	St. Johnsbury,	Prin. St. J. A.
Matthew A. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858,	Nov. 12, 1878,	St. Johnsbury,	A. P.
Charles E. Gordon,	May 17, 1876,	Nov. 12, 1878,	East Hardwick,	P.
Joseph Hammond,	Aug. 27, 1871,	Nov. 12, 1878,	St. Johnsbury Cen.,	A. P.
Herbert R. Howes,	1870,	Sept. 9, 1879,	Woodbury,	A. P.
Henry W. Jones,	May 24, 1866,	1876,	St. Johnsbury,	P.
Charles F. Morse,	Aug. 13, 1856,	May 13, 1879,	Lower Waterford,	A. P.
Reuben D. Osgood,	Oct. 24, 1871,	Sept. 14, 1880,	Lyndon,	A. P.
Moses Patten,	June 7, 1861,	Sept. 10, 1878,	Greensboro,	W. C.
Frederic B. Phelps,	Oct. 18, 1870,	March 9, 1880,	E. St. Johnsbury,	P.
William W. Thayer,	March 21, 1839,	1847,	St. Johnsbury,	Librarian.
Charles W. Thompson,	July 1, 1869,	1869,	Danville,	P.
Azel W. Wild,	Oct. 26, 1864,	1874,	Peacham,	P.

IV. LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION.

June 1, 1868. J. G. HALE, Register. 1st Tuesday Feb., and 2d Tuesday May and Sept.

Lyman Bartlett,	Aug. 8, 1861,	Oct. 15, 1861,	Cesarea, Turkey,	M. A.B.C.F.M.
William A. Bushee,	Aug. 19, 1869,	May 11, 1880,	Morrisville,	P.
Henry O. Dwight,	July 1, 1880,	Dec. 3, 1880,	Constantinople, Ty.	M. A.B.C.F.M.
James T. Ford,	Nov. 25, 1857,	June 1, 1858,	San Bern'dino, Cal.	A. P.
George H. French,	Nov. 8, 1871,	Feb. 1, 1872,	Charlestown, N. H.	A. P.
John G. Hale,	Sept. 30, 1852,	March 6, 1878,	Stowe,	A. P.
Daniel W. Hardy,	Oct. 20, 1874,	May 12, 1874,	Bluehill, Me.,	A. P.
Horace Herrick,	Sept. 4, 1844,	May, 15, 1860,	Felchville,	W. C.
Giles F. Montgomery,	Aug. 19, 1863,	Feb. 2, 1864,	Marash, Turkey,	M. A.B.C.F.M.
Benjamin F. Perkins,	Nov. 22, 1865,	May 10, 1870,	Sterling, Ms.,	A. P.
Chauncey J. Richardson,	May 22, 1878,	May 11, 1880,	Wolcott,	A. P.
Azro A. Smith,	Feb. 11, 1864,	Dec. 17, 1879,	Johnson,	P.
Edwin Wheelock,	Jan. 23, 1856,	June 1, 1858,	Cambridge,	A. P.

V. MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 9, 1827. WM. S. HAZEN, Scribe. Last Tuesday January, April, July and Oct.

Philo H. Carpenter,	Jan. 21, 1879,	Jan. 28, 1879,	Worcester,	P.
John P. Demeritt,	May 31, 1870,	Jan. 29, 1878,	Brookfield,	A. P.
Clark E. Ferrin,	Dec. 10, 1851,	Jan. 29, 1878,	Plainfield,	P.
James L. Harrington,	Oct. 25, 1876,	Oct. 31, 1876,	East Dorset,	A. P.
William S. Hazen,	Oct. 12, 1864,	Jan. 31, 1865,	Northfield,	P.
John H. Hincks,	Sept. 27, 1877,	Jan. 29, 1878,	Montpelier,	P.
Alden Ladd,	Feb. 15, 1865,	May 30, 1865,	Berlin,	A. P.
Paul H. Pitkin,	Sept. 11, 1866,	April 30, 1878,	Marshfield,	P.
Horace Pratt,	March 28, 1849,	April 26, 1870,	Northfield,	W. C.
Stephen H. Robinson,	Sept. 7, 1877,	April 30, 1878,	Waitsfield,	P.
Charles S. Smith,	Nov. 13, 1855,	Oct. 31, 1865,	Montpelier,	Sec. VT. D.M.S.
John F. Stone,	Jan. 21, 1829,	Aug 28, 1848,	Montpelier,	W. C.
Leonard Tenney,	March 19, 1845,	Jan. 28, 1868,	Barre,	Sec. VT. B. S.
Caleb M. Winch,	June 29, 1853,	Feb. 28, 1854,	Hartland,	P.
Frederic L. Small,	Licentiate,	April 26, 1881.	Orange,	S.

VI. NORTH WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

A. B. SWIFT, Register. 3d Tuesday January, 2d Tuesday May, and 4th Tuesday September.

James H. Babbitt,	Sept. 10, 1868.	Jan. 15, 1878,	Swanton,	A. P.
Calvin B. Cady,	Nov., 1838,	May, 27, 1845,	Georgia,	W. C.
Charles W. Clark,	Jan. 17, 1861,	Sept. 1879,	Georgia,	A. P.
J. K. Fuller,	April 23, 1876,	.....	Bakersfield,	A. P.
Elias W. Hatch,	Sept. 25, 1866,	Jan. 15, 1867,	East Berkshire,	P.
Richard Hicks,	.....1867.	Jan. 21, 1873.	Alburgh,	A. P.
James P. Stone,	Oct. 16, 1839,	Jan. 21, 1873,	Dalton, N. H.,	A. P.
Alfred B. Swift,	Jan. 9, 1855,	Jan. 20, 1864,	Enosburgh,	A. P.
Charles Van Norden,	Dec. 19, 1866,	Jan. 20, 1874.	St. Albans,	P.
Charles P. Watson,	1857,	May 8, 1877.	Sheldon,	A. P.
John H. Woodward,	Jan. 31, 1838,	1836,	Milton,	A. P.

VII. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

HENRY CUMMINGS, Scribe. 1st Tuesday February, May and September.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
ler Bates,	March 23, 1864,	May 14, 1872,	Newbury,	P.
ırk,	1868,	Oct. 26, 1880,	Bradford,	A. P.
Closson,	June 10, 1871,	Oct. 2, 1878,	North Thetford,	A. P.
ımmings,	July 16, 1851,	May 2, 1876,	Strafford,	P.
Elliot,	May 2, 1866,	Feb. 3, 1873,	Keeseville, N. Y.,	A. P.
uller,	Sept. 30, 1830,	Aug. 14, 1855,	Vershire,	W. C.
Lyon,	Feb. 4, 1858,	May 2, 1876,	West Newbury,	A. P.
. Ranslow,	June 23, 1869,	May 8, 1877,	Wells River,	A. P.
Willis,	Oct. 10, 1876,	Sept. 25, 1877,	Lisbon, Conn.,	A. P.
. Abbott,	Licentiate,	Feb. 5, 1878,	South Newbury,	.....

VIII. ORLEANS ASSOCIATION.

JOSEPH BOARDMAN, Scribe. 3d Tuesday January, May and August.

Bates,	Sept. 19, 1860,	Feb. 25, 1880,	Barton Landing,	A. P.
oardman,	March 20, 1851,	Jan. 15, 1878,	North Craftsbury,	A. P.
R. Bonnell,	July 2, 1876,	June 1, 1881,	Island Pond,	A. P.
. Burnham,	Dec. 10, 1879,	May 18, 1880,	Freeport, Me.,	A. P.
S. Butler,	Jan. 3, 1877,	Aug. 21, 1878,	Coventry,	A. P.
Carr,	Sept. 1, 1880,	June 1, 1881,	Irasburgh,	A. P.
zer,	1852,	....	West Derby,	A. P.
T. Herrick,	May 28, 1851,	May 20, 1873,	West Charleston,	A. P.
Howard,	Jan. 19, 1841,	.....	West Charleston,	W. C.
Kaley,	March, 10, 1876,	May 17, 1876,	Jackson, Mich.,	A. P.
n Litch.	April 7, 1867,	.....	Derby Line,	P.
e Phelps,	Sept. 5, 1878,	Feb. 4, 1879,	Barton,	P.
E. Rauney,	May 1, 1844,	May 18, 1875,	St. Johnsbury C.,	W. C.
merville,	Oct. 1851,	May 19, 1874,	Newport,	W. C.
tone,	Feb. 16, 1842,	....	North Troy,	W. C.
. Walker,	Sept. 28, 1880,	May 31, 1881,	North Troy,	P.
P. Wild,	Oct. 11, 1865,	Aug. 21, 1866,	Newport,	P.
Coburn,	Licentiate,	....	Greensboro,	S.

IX. ROYALTON ASSOCIATION.

, 1796. V. M. HARDY, Register. 1st Tuesday Feb., 3d Tuesday May and Sept.

S. Chamberlain,	March 12, 1856,	Feb. 8, 1876,	Sharon,	A. P.
W. Dealtry,	May 11, 1874,	Feb. 5, 1878,	East Braintree,	W. C.
V. Dike,	Feb. 3, 1869,	.....	Royalton,	P.
M. Hardy,	Jan. 31, 1872,	.....	West Randolph,	P.
E. Herrick,	Feb. 24, 1864,	.....	Chelsea,	P.
S. Hubbard,	June 18, 1849,	....	Rochester,	W. C.
. B. Perkins,	Jan. 11, 1860,	Sept. 18, 1877,	South Royalton,	A. P.
S. Tolman,	July 10, 1862,	Sept. 17, 1878,	Santa Barbara, Cal.	A. P.
vell,	Licentiate,	Nov. 12, 1878,	Roxbury,	S.

X. RUTLAND ASSOCIATION.

D. MEARS, Register. 2d Tuesday February, May, September and November.

N. Brainard,	Dec. 22, 1876,	Sept. 14, 1880,	Wallingford,	A. P.
Flagg,	Sept. 26, 1872,	Feb. 2, 1880,	Fair Haven,	A. P.
ranger,	Aug. 6, 1834,	Feb. 28, 1861,	East Poultney,	A. P.
T. Hooker,	June 17, 1868,	May 10, 1876,	Castleton,	P.
Johnson, D. D.,	Dec. 27, 1866,	Sept. 13, 1870,	Rutland,	P.
. Lyon,	Sept. 23, 1858,	Nov. 11, 1879,	Benson,	A. P.
ynard,	Aug. 6, 1828,	Oct. 10, 1843,	Castleton,	W. C.
. McIntire,	Sept. 17, 1861,	Feb. 14, 1881,	Pittsford,	P.
. Mears,	Nov. 8, 1871,	May 8, 1877,	Danby,	A. P.
I. Morse,	May 11, 1864,	Aug. 7, 1877,	Clarendon,	P.
fyrick,	Feb. 18, 1846,	May 14, 1872,	Middletown,	A. P.
tice,	July 25, 1865,	May 10, 1881,	Brandon,	A. P.
. Rustedt,	Feb. 3, 1841,	Oct. 13, 1857,	Shrewsbury,	W. C.
tewart,	Sept. 15, 1829,	July 18, 1837,	Pittsford,	W. C.
Thyng,	Oct. 26, 1852,	Sept. 12, 1877,	Northboro, Ms.,	W. C.
. Tilden,	March 17, 1830,	May 25, 1830,	Nashua, N. H.,	W. C.
Williams,	Nov. 22, 1866,	May 11, 1875,	West Rutland,	A. P.

XI. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

S. I. BRIANT, Scribe. 2d Tuesday February, April, July, September, October and Dec.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
S. Ingersoll Briant,	April 22, 1868,	May 11, 1875,	Hartford,	P.
Nathan F. Carter,	Dec. 17, 1867,	Jan. 27, 1880,	Quechee,	P.
Jonathan Clement, D. D.,	Oct. 13, 1830.	Aug. 10, 1832,	Norwich,	W. C.
Lewis W. Hicks,	Sept. 10, 1874,	July 13, 1875,	Woodstock,	P.
Nathan R. Nichols,	Feb. 1, 1872,	July 13, 1880,	Norwich,	A. P.

XII. WINDHAM ASSOCIATION.

Oct. 17, 1775. AMOS HOLBROOK, Scribe. 1st Tuesday Aug., Nov., Feb., and 3d Tuesday May.

Orrin G. Baker,	Feb. 19, 1878,	May, 1878,	Jamaica,	P.
Pliny F. Barnard,	Jan. 14, 1847,	May, 1874,	Ashburnham, Ms.,	W. C.
Charles Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841,	Nov, 1871,	Townshend,	W. C.
Levi G. Chase,	Aug. 24, 1870,	Nov. 2, 1870,	Loudon, N. H.,	W. C.
Alfred B. Dascomb,	Jan. 16, 1862,	Feb. 1, 1881,	Bellows Falls,	A. P.
Artemas C. Field,	June 28, 1866,	May 19, 1874,	Hinesburgh,	A. P.
Amos Foster,	March 2, 1825,	June, 1833,	Putney,	W. C.
Darius N. Goodrich,	June 19, 1865,	May, 1876,	Ada, Mich.,	W. C.
Lewis Grout,	Oct. 8, 1846,	Feb., 1856,	West Brattleboro,	Agent A.M.A.
Amos Holbrook,	May 9, 1866,	May, 1877,	Saxton's River,	A. P.
Henry Marden,	Sept. 2, 1869,	Feb., 1878,	Marash, Turkey,	M. A.B.C.F.M.
George E. Martin,	July 9, 1879,	May, 1881,	Brattleboro,	P.
Charles H. Merrill,	Nov. 8, 1870,	May, 1873,	West Brattleboro,	P.
Royal D. Metcalf	May 26, 1880,	Nov. 2, 1880,	South Wardsboro,	W. C.
Benjamin Ober,	Jan. 1, 1834,	Nov, 1880,	Petersham, Ms.,	W. C.
George Porter,	1861,	Aug. 6, 1878,	Townshend,	A. P.
Charles Scott,	Dec. 27, 1854,	May, 1878,	Litchfield, N. H.,	W. C.
Alfred Stevens, D. D.,	Feb. 22, 1843,	May, 1843,	Westminster, W.,	P.
Christopher J. Switzer,	Jan. 10, 1867,	May 18, 1880,	West Townshend,	W. C.
George L. Walker, D. D.,	Oct. 13, 1858,	May, 1877,	Hartford, Conn.,	P.
Earl J. Ward,	March 11, 1868,	May 5, 1868,	Grafton,	P.

XIII. WINDSOR ASSOCIATION.

R. D. MILLER, Scribe.

J. S. Chapman,	1869,	Feb., 1876,	Chester,	W. C.
Silas P. Cook,	June 27, 1869,	May, 1870,	Chelsea, Ms.,	P.
Robert D. Miller,	July 2, 1856,	May, 1876,	West Hartford,	A. P.
Robert Samuel,	1859,	Nov., 1872,	Cawker City, Kan.,	W. C.

XIV. WINOOSKI ASSOCIATION.

June 9, 1847. A. HAZEN, Scribe. 3d Monday January, May and October.

Alanson D. Barber,	Jan., 1849,	May, 1852,	Montpelier,	Ed. Vt. Chron.
Alanson S. Barton,	Oct. 29, 1862,	May, 1877,	Colchester,	A. P.
Eben C. Birge,	Aug., 26, 1840,	May, 1878,	Underhill,	W. C.
Lewis O. Brastow, D. D.,	Jan. 10, 1861,	May, 1877,	Burlington,	P.
James Buckham,	April 4, 1820,	Jan., 1848,	Burlington,	W. C.
George P. Byington,	March 11, 1868,	May, 1870,	Westford,	A. P.
John Cowan,	May 25, 1875,	May, 1877,	Essex,	A. P.
John D. Emerson,	Oct. 1, 1858,	1879,	Underhill,	A. P.
Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848,	1875,	..... N. H.,	W. C.
John E. Goodrich,	May 17, 1864,	Jan., 1869,	Burlington,	Prof. U. Vt.
Austin Hazen,	March 29, 1860,	May, 1865,	Jericho,	A. P.
Edward Hungerford,	Sept. 12, 1871,	.....	Burlington,	A. P.
Spencer Marsh,	Nov. 6, 1856,	May, 1857,	Burlington,	W. C.
Franklin W. Olmsted,	July 11, 1848,	1879,	Williston,	A. P.
George R. Safford, D. D.,	Sept. 2, 1858,	June, 1863,	Burlington,	P.
Charles M. Seaton,	Sept. 28, 1837,	May, 1853,	Essex Junction,	W. C.
Henry A. P. Torrey,	May 3, 1865,	May, 1869,	Burlington,	Prof. U. Vt.
Orville G. Wheeler,	Nov. 5, 1840,	June, 1847,	South Hero,	P.
John C. Wilder,	July 10, 1846,	Jan., 1850,	Charlotte,	W. C.
Andrew J. Willard,	April, 1857,	May, 1869,	Burlington,	W. C.
John H. Worcester, D. D.,	Sept. 5, 1839,	Oct., 1847,	Burlington,	W. C.
M. H. Buckham, D. D.,	Licentiate,	Oct., 1857,	Burlington,	Pres. U. V.

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING,

1881.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. James W. Hickok, Joshua Leavitt, William H. Lord, Thaddeus Fairbanks, J. G. Stimson, and Charles S. Smith, with their associates, being members of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, a society heretofore existing, and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches and communities in the State, in need of assistance in sustaining the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with all the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly paper published in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Passed October 25, 1872.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ———— dollars, in trust, to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, incorporated in October, 1872, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society.

CONSTITUTION.

As Revised and Adopted June 18, 1873.

NAMES.

ART. I. This Society shall be known by the name of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. II. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying two dollars into its treasury, and his membership shall continue so long as he shall annually pay a like sum. Any person may, at his request, become a member for life of the Society, who shall at one time pay twenty dollars or more, into its treasury. Congregational ministers whose churches contribute annually to the treasury of this Society, shall be members, and their membership shall continue so long as such annual contributions are made. All such members shall be entitled to vote.

OBJECT.

ART. III. The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns in the State with the preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

OFFICERS.

ART. IV. The officers of this Society, to be elected annually, shall be a President, Vice-President, twelve Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. The President and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Directors *ex-officiis*. These officers shall all hold their offices for a year and till others are elected.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, to act upon applications coming from churches, asking for aid; make appropriations of money; fill temporarily any vacancy occasioned by the death or resignation of the Secretary, Treasurer, or Auditor; have a general superintendence of all the Society's affairs, and make, through the Secretary, a report of their doings at each annual meeting.

At their annual meeting the Directors shall appoint five of their own number—one of whom shall be the Secretary—as an Executive Committee, which committee shall have full power to act for the Directors on all matters that may come before them, when the Directors are not in session.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

ART. VII. The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society and of the Directors; keep a true record of their doings and call meetings of the Society, Directors, and Executive Committee.

He shall secure, as far as possible, collections and donations from churches and individuals; visit destitute communities to ascertain their needs; direct itinerant missionaries to their fields; draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Directors or Executive Committee, and make an annual report to the Society of the doings of the Directors, and the condition of the missionary work.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society; take care of and invest the permanent funds; lease, or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Directors or Executive Committee; and exhibit at the annual meeting an audited account of the condition of the treasury, make a statement of the amount of permanent funds, and how they are invested. He shall hold his books open for inspec-

tion when requested by any member of the Society, and shall give bonds when required by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF AUDITOR.

ART. IX. The Auditor shall carefully audit the Treasurer's book every year, before the annual meeting of the Society, and report also on the amount of the permanent funds, and the form of their investment.

MEETINGS.

Meetings of Society.

ART. X. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, for the election of officers and the transaction of any necessary business, on the Wednesday succeeding the second Tuesday in June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the same place where the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont holds its annual meeting. Two several notices shall be given by the Secretary, of the time and place of holding this meeting, in some newspaper generally circulated in this State.

Meetings of Directors.

The Directors shall hold an annual meeting on the same day of the ual meeting of the Society, at such time as the Secretary shall give notice to the Directors, personally or by public notice, at the annual meeting of the Society. They may adjourn or meet at such other time as they see fit, or as they may be called together by the Secretary, notice being given them in writing, one week before the time of meeting.

Meetings of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as they may appoint, and whenever the Secretary may call them together; and they shall have power to call meetings of the Society or Directors, in case of the death, resignation, or absence of the Secretary.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

ART. XI. The object of this Society shall not be changed, but this Constitution may be altered or amended, on a proposal of the Directors, at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS, JUNE 17, 1873.

RULE 1. Churches asking for aid, must first subscribe one hundred and twenty-five per cent., on their grand list, unless in very exceptional cases.

RULE 2. No church in debt for past ministerial services shall receive aid.

RULE 3. Appropriations shall not be made for a longer period than twelve months, and shall not, except in special cases, date back of the time of application.

RULE 4. A contribution for Home Missions is required from every aided church each year. It is expected that contributions will also be taken by each aided church for other leading objects of Christian benevolence.

RULE 5. Applications shall be signed by a committee of the church asking for aid. They shall also be endorsed by the Association of Ministers within whose bounds they arise, or by a committee of such body.

RULE 6. Every application must contain answers to the following questions, viz.:

(1.) Name of minister employed?
(2.) Number of members of the church?
(3.) Usual attendance on public worship?
(4.) Amount of the grand list of the church?
(5.) Amount actually subscribed by the church for preaching?
(6.) Amount subscribed by those not members of the church?
(7.) Is aid expected from any other source?
(8.) Least amount of aid that will suffice from this Society?
(9.) Is the church in debt for past ministerial services? If so, how much? and to whom?
(10.) From what date is aid asked?

RULE 7. On the expiration of an appropriation, if aid is still needed, a new application must be made, containing an explicit answer to all of the above questions.

RULE 8. All missionaries, when required, shall furnish satisfactory testimonials of church and ministerial standing.

RULE 9. A statistical report shall be made by each missionary before the first of June of each year, and when he leaves his field, if it is before the close of the Society's year.

RULE 10. Missionaries shall not be entitled to receive payments from this Society till they have made a written report to the Secretary

of their services for the period for which such payment is due. Those who wish quarterly payments must make quarterly reports.

RULE 11. Missionaries must reside with the people to whom they preach. If they serve two or more churches, they must live with one of them.

RULE 12. The Secretary shall engage itinerant laborers, as they may be needed, for destitute fields, who shall be guaranteed seven dollars per week, and their fare one way, not to exceed ten dollars. The people with whom they labor shall, in all cases, provide board, and pay as large a part of the salary as possible.

Churches receiving aid are requested to arrange, as far as practicable, their contracts with their ministers, so that their year may commence with the first of June, in order that all applications for the renewal of grants may be made before the annual meeting.

Any church wishing to apply for aid should send to the Secretary for a blank form of application.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The Sixty-third Annual Meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held in the North Congregational Church, at St. Johnsbury, Vt., June 15, 1881, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in accordance with a notice published in three successive issues of the VERMONT CHRONICLE next preceding the time of meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, the President.

After the singing of a hymn, and a prayer by Rev. S. L. B. Spear, of Middlebury, a committee of three were appointed to nominate officers for the year ensuing, viz.: Rev. E. P. Wild, Dea. A. Woolson and Rev. M. L. Severance.

The Treasurer, Mr. J. C. Emery. then read his Annual Report, which was accepted, adopted and ordered to be printed. [This Report will be found near the close of this pamphlet, just following the Directors' Report.]

The Directors' Report was then read by the Secretary. On motion it was accepted, approved and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

Addresses were made by Rev. E. J. Ranslow, and by Rev. R. B. Thurston, of Saybrook, Conn. Remarks were made by Mr. C. F. Thompson, Mr. H. D. Hall, Rev. M. P. Parmalee, Rev. N. F. Cobleigh, Rev. E. B. Chamberlin and Rev. C. S. Smith.

The Nominating Committee reported the following list of officers to serve for the year ensuing, which report was accepted and adopted, and the officers declared elected, viz.:

President—Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS.
Vice President—Rev. C. B. HULBERT, D. D.
Secretary—Rev. C. S. SMITH.
Treasurer—Mr. J. C. EMERY.
Auditor—Hon. JOHN A. PAGE.

Directors—Rev. C. E. FERRIN, Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. A. W. WILD, Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, D. D., Rev. J. G. HALE, Rev. G. B. SAFFORD, D. D., Rev. I. JENNINGS, Rev. S. W. DIKE, Rev. L. TENNEY, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, PH. D., and Dea. JOSEPH ATKINSON.

Directors Ex-officiis—Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, President, and Rev. C. S. SMITH, Secretary.

On motion by the Secretary the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That if the change in our State laws on taxation makes any variation necessary from our rule, requiring the aided churches to pay one hundred and twenty-five per cent. on their grand list, the Directors be authorized to make such variation.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

In presenting their Sixty-third Annual Report, the Directors of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society congratulate the Society in meeting to-day in a town which has a larger number of our denomination than any other town in the State, and in a community, too, where many years ago God gave to the fathers the heart and the means to give generously and regularly to strengthen the feeble churches in the State, and in covenant faithfulness has continued the same grace to their children. It is but meet that, in behalf of the missionary churches, we recognize and acknowledge the favors thus conferred which, like the bounties of God in nature, have for years been as constant as the recurrence of the seasons.

The officers and missionaries of this Society who went forth to their work at the beginning of the year have, with one exception, been spared to its close. Rev. John C. Edgar, the beloved missionary of the little church in Hubbardton, finished his course on the 29th of April. He was of Scotch descent; at twelve years of age a drummer boy in the English army; at sixteen he belonged to the "Queens Own," Scotch Highlanders; took part in the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava. After eight years of military service left the army, came to this country, studied theology at Andover and Bangor; preached for two years in Massachusetts before coming to Vermont. A man of gentle, loving spirit, though in a humble field he was as true and faithful a soldier of the Cross as he had been of his Queen.

He has fought a good fight. He has finished his course to the sorrow of a bereaved church. He has kept the faith and gone to receive that crown of righteousness which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give him in that day.

THE TREASURY.

We begin the year with a balance of $1,027.72 in the Treasury, but during the months of July and August, when our receipts are always small, that was entirely exhausted, and the payments each

month, through the fall and winter, kept our treasury very low. Some of the time it was over-drawn. Within the last two months a little surplus has accumulated, so that we close the year with about the same balance that was on hand at its beginning.

The receipts have been—

For the Ordinary Department	$5,085.63
For the Itinerant Department	598.04
From the Fields	176.08
From legacies	2,417.00
From notes and interest	1,259.00
Making the total receipts	$9,535.75

This is $710.89 less than was received from the same sources last year. What we have lost, however, the National Society has gained. If we add the amount in the Treasury at the beginning of the year, $1,037.62, we have total resources of the year of $10,573.37.

The disbursements have been:

In the Ordinary Department	$8,766 76
In the Itinerant Department	478 60
Leaving in the Treasury a balance of	$1,328 89

There have been sent from the State, in contributions and donations, to the American Home Missionary Society, $2,529.11; in legacies, $1,250.00: in all, $3,779.10.

The whole amount, then, given in the State, for both State and National work within the year, has been $13,314.87, which is more than was given the year before by $1,511.66. This gain, however, has been entirely from legacies.

The gifts from the living have been $616.50 less than were reported a year ago.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

The following table will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields occupied during the year, with brief notices of each:

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED FIELDS.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length of Commission.	Aid pledged.	Months of Labor.	Hopeful Conversions.	Added. By Confession.	Added. By Letter.	Remo'd Dismissed.	Remo'd Died.	Remo'd Excluded.	Resident Members.	Male Members.	Non-Residents.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath School.	Contributions Home Missions.	Contributions Other Objects.
1	Albany	Daniel E. Smith,	July 1, 1880	12	$200	11	1	0	0	0	3	0	36	10	2	65	65	$3 26	$6 50
2	Alburgh	Richard Hicks,	June 1, 1880	12	150	12	2	2	0	4	1	0	58	13	30	100	100	11 00	20 00
3	Arlington East	Julius C. McCollom,	Jan. 1, 1881	12	200	12	3	1	1	0	1	0	43	6	7	80	65	11 00	80 00
4	Berlin West	Alden Ladd,	Sept. 1, 1880	12	100	12	2	0	0	0	1	0	19	4	0	55	30	12 00	5 00
5	Braintree Hill	Augustus Alvord,	July 1, 1879	12	200	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	7	20	30	25	.....	.....
6	Bridgewater	Frederick Newport,	Feb. 1. 1880	12	250	4	0	3	2	0	1	0	48	13	5	80	50	0	0
		Rolla G. Bugbee,	Oct. 1, 1880	15	275	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	31	8	14	85	54	.....	.....
7	Cambridgeport	Amos Holbrook,	Dec. 1, 1880	12	100	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	22	7	9	50	58	6 35	0
8	Charleston West	Wm. T. Herrick,	June 1, 1880	12	150	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	58	23	24	90	75	61 50	115 50
9	Colchester	Alanson S. Barton,	Jan. 1, 1881	12	150	12	12	2	0	1	1	0	41	7	18	70	75	32 00	54 75
10	Danby	Lucian D. Mears,	April 1, 1881	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	4	8	44	56	9 50	5 30
11	Dorset East	James L. Harrington,	July 1, 1880	12	100	12	3	3	5	3	0	0	31	11	4	75	97	20 33	103 09
12	Gaysville	James Hay,	May 1, 1881	12	150	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	40	13	9	70	72	12 00	9 00
13	Granby and Victory	Charles Duren,	May 1, 1881	12	200	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	30	13	5	45	63	12 00	41 00
14	Greensboro	Moses Patten,	Jan. 1, 1880	12	125	7	0	0	1	1	2	0	61	20	14	80	120	15 25	81 84
15	Guildhall	Samuel W. Chapin,	June 1, 1880	12	150	12	4	2	0	0	0	0	46	13	20	70	75	10 75	40 00
16	Hartland	Caleb M. Winch,	Mar. 1, 1881	12	175	12	0	7	2	0	1	0	47	6	7	75	62	5 01	3 00
17	Holland	John Frazer,	Sept. 1, 1880	12	150	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	11	4	60	60	24 34	34 01
18	Hubbardton	John C. Edgar,	June 1, 1880	12	125	11	..	1	0	1	1	0	33	10	10	75	100	12 00	0
19	Hyde Park North	Azro A. Smith,	May 1, 1881	12	75	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	13	4	8	60	150	0	0
20	Island Pond	Spencer Bonnell,	June 1, 1880	12	200	12	12	14	4	0	0	0	27	4	1	85	50	9 50	45 00

21	Jamaica	Orrin G. Baker,	Jan.	1,	1881	12	200	12	3	0	2	1	3	0	54	18	6	71	80	20	67	35	40
22	Kirby	Reuben D. Osgood,	June	1,	1880	12	125	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	25	14	6	32	40	9	37	2	90
23	Marshfield	Paul H. Pitkin,	Feb.	1,	1881	12	200	12	5	0	2	2	1	0	40	9	..	67	60	22	00	26	00
24	Middletown	Osborn Myrick,	Nov.	1,	1880	12	100	12	0	0	0	2	2	0	64	25	22	100	140	19	00	18	00
25	Montgomery Center	Elias W. Hatch,	June	1,	1880	12	100	12	0	1	0	0	3	3	25	10	8	50	46	5	00	2	15
26	Morgan	Wm. T. Herrick,	June	1,	1880	12	50	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	3	7	75	50	12	50	8	00
27	Newbury West	Amzi B. Lyon,	June	1,	1880	12	175	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	42	16	5	70	75	28	73	29	13
28	Orange	Alfred M. Masonheimer,	May	1,	1880	12	250	12	0	3	2	1	0	0	56	16	6	95	75	5	00	9	00
29	Plainfield	Clark E. Ferrin,	Oct.	1,	1880	12	200	12	0	2	1	0	1	0	35	14	9	60	75	12	00	13	25
30	Pomfret	Wm. A. Remele,	June	1,	1880	12	75	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	38	11	6	80	60	10	25	0	
31	Ripton	James A. Devine,	Mar.	1,	1880	12	200	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	40	18	5	40	50	6	17	11	67
32	Roxbury	Charles H. Covell,	Jan.	1,	1881	12	200	12	0	0	0	4	1	0	33	11	13	42	77	9	45	7	64
33	Royalton South	Sidney K. B. Perkins,	Sept.	1,	1880	12	175	12	12	1	2	1	0	0	52	14	6	99	121	15	00	18	00
34	St. Johnsbury Center	Joseph Hammond,	July	1,	1880	12	175	12	2	1	2	1	5	0	51	20	30	90	60	35	00	20	00
35	Stowe	John G. Hale,	June	1,	1880	12	100	12	2	1	1	1	1	0	61	17	17	75	100	33	75	120	93
36	Strafford	Henry Cummings,	Sept.	1,	1879	12	100	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	17	6	85	94	3	00	30	25
37	Townshend West	Christopher J. Switzer,	May	1,	1880	12	150	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	45	13	5	75	35	12	10	12	64
38	Troy	Collins G. Burnham,	Oct.	1,	1879	12	130	4	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....		.....	
		Joseph N. Walker,	Jan.	1,	1881	12	100	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	..	50	25	8	00	0	
39	Tunbridge	George W. Osgood,	Jan.	1,	1880	12	200	7	0	0	0	2	1	0	21	8	16	56	30	10	06	8	12
		Sidney K. B. Perkins,	Jan.	1,	1881	12	100	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	32	7	6	40	50	5	00	10	00
40	Vershire	Evan Thomas,	June	15,	1880	12	175	12	0	2	3	3	0	0	28	11	0	55	40	10	00	12	00
41	Wardsboro South	Royal D. Metcalf,	June	1,	1880	12	200	12	0	12	1	1	3	0	45	15	14	45	60	6	50	0	
42	West Fairlee	Wm. Schofield,	Mar.	1,	1880	12	180	6	4	0	2	2	1	0	52	23	16	87	90	9	00	37	00
43	Williston	Frederick W. Olmsted,	July	1,	1880	12	100	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	20	43	55	48	19	00	43	10
44	Weston	Joseph R. Flint,	June	1,	1880	12	200	12	3	3	1	0	1	0	38	16	1	79	50	15	00	7	00
45	Wolcott	Chauncey J. Richardson,	Mar.	1,	1881	12	200	12	2	1	1	2	4	0	37	13	26	60	100	21	67	18	74
46	Woodbury	Herbert R. Howes,	Dec.	1,	1880	12	200	12	12	0	1	1	2	1	45	16	5	80	75	2	50	.....	
47	Worcester	Philo H. Carpenter,	June	1,	1880	12	200	12	..	5	0	1	2	0	36	9	17	75	60	12	43	7	45

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBANY. Religious services have been maintained through the year. The missionary leaves at the close of a year of labor.

2. ALBURGH SPRINGS. The missionary writes, "The past year, on the whole, has been a pleasant and prosperous one. The minister's salary has been promptly paid. The congregations, notwithstanding many removals to the west and south, has kept good. The interest in the Sabbath school has even increased. The debt on the new parsonage of $1,200, after three years standing, has been wholly and cheerfully removed. A new list of benevolent collections for the future has been adopted. General peace and harmony have prevailed, and the pastor and members of the church have done what they could to promote the interests of Christ's kingdom in the region about."

3. ARLINGTON EAST. The debt on the parsonage has been reduced to $385. The church, with much reluctance, part with their minister who has been with them about seven years and goes to another field. The church is quite weak, but ready to pay according to their ability.

4. BERLIN WEST. The church is small. The attendance on public worship the past year has been good. The missionary preaches also to the church on Berlin Hill, where he resides. There seems to be no other way of securing regular preaching at West Berlin, except by yoking it with some other church.

5. BRAINTREE HILL. Mr. Alvord closed his labors here at the end of his first year, July 1st. Since then the church has been without preaching most of the time. If this church and the one in the East part of the town would unite their strength, and share a minister between them, they might, with comparatively little missionary aid, each have preaching every Sabbath.

6. BRIDGEWATER. A convenient and attractive house of worship was completed with the aid of friends, and dedicated free of debt September 2d. Mr. Newport, their acting pastor, wishing to pursue his studies further, left about the middle of September for Bangor Theological Seminary. Rev. Rolla G. Bugbee, a native of the town, at the call of the church, became soon after their acting pastor. Considerable interest was manifest in personal religion during the winter, and several expressed the purpose of living a new life.

7. CAMBRIDGEPORT. The missionary speaks of a state of things existing in the community most unfavorable to religious growth and

a time of trial to Christian faith, but finds ground of hope in the fact that there are faithful, praying souls there.

8. CHARLESTON WEST. The present condition of this field is not as cheering as at some times in the past, nor as we hope it may soon be again. The missionary writes, "This church seems now to be in a state of comparative dearth and declension; congregations are smaller, prayer-meetings thinly attended, and Sabbath-school declining in interest and numbers. Still we try to hold on our way without fainting and strengthen the things that remain, some of which seem ready to die, in the hope that God will manifest his presence and power in our behalf." "In *due* time ye shall reap if ye faint not."

9. COLCHESTER. "The chief item of interest to report for the year has been the gracious visitation of the Holy Spirit to the community of which our own church and society have been large sharers. We expect soon quite a number of additions to our church, as a result of the revival. The general religious interest in the community has been much increased." The help of Mr. F. L. Small, employed by the Young Men's Christian Association, was highly prized by the missionary.

10. DANBY. This field, by reason of early influences adverse to spiritual religion, and as the result of the low standard of piety that prevailed in the town for many years, has been, and still is, a very discouraging field of labor. Old habits and influences are yet strong. A high ideal of the Christian life is yet to be gained. What is needed is, that the members of the church, by consistent, godly living, shall make religion respectable till it comes to be respected in the community. The missionary, by patient, faithful living and preaching, is laboring and looking for a better state of things, and finds some indications of gradual improvement. A member of the church is studying for the ministry.

11. DORSET EAST. The increased activity in the marble works has, within two years, added to the pecuniary and spiritual strength of this church. The attendance upon public worship has been good during the year, and their contributions for benevolent objects larger than ever before.

12. GAYSVILLE. This church has held on its way without much apparent change. The business prospects of the village, which have in the past materially affected the church, are just now more hopeful. A union of this church with the one in Bethel, in the support of the

same minister, has been considered, and it is hoped will, in due time, be realized.

13. GRANBY AND VICTORY. Attendance on public worship and Sabbath school are about as usual. The missionary concert for prayer is kept up with interest, and the contributions for benevolent objects are taken systematically and are very creditable for so small a church. One young man is prepared to enter a theological seminary, and expects to do so the coming fall. Several other young persons are away seeking an education.

14. GREENSBORO. The pastor was dismissed about the first of January. There has been some want of harmony in the Church and Society, but it is presumed that this will be but temporary.

15. GUILDHALL. Meetings have been well attended. The missionary's salary has been paid promptly. A new bell has been purchased for the church, and the parsonage repaired.

16. HARTLAND. The missionary was installed July 1st. A church manual has been prepared and printed, some old claims settled, and small repairs made upon the parsonage. Some unexpected trials have arisen, which call for faith, prayer and a spirit of truth.

17. HOLLAND. One hundred and sixty-seven dollars have been raised to repair the church. Some new families have become attendants upon public worship, and a more hopeful spirit has prevailed in the church.

18. HUBBARDTON. This church has been sorely bereaved by the death of the missionary,—Rev. John C. Edgar,—April 29th. By his faithfulness in all departments of his work as a minister, by his gentle, loving and sympathetic spirit, he had won the hearts of his people, and they deeply mourn his loss. The neighboring ministers have supplied the pulpit to the present time.

19. HYDE PARK NORTH. The church here is very weak, and has had no Congregational preaching for several years. The community has been divided into sectarian fragments so that they are lacking in unity and coherence. Mr. Smith has commenced applying the sovereign balm of the gospel to meet their needs, and by beginning with fundamental principles is seeking to find a common standing ground for all on the Rock, Christ Jesus.

20. ISLAND POND. This church, which is in the town of Brighton, was rent asunder a few years since by unwisely employing for three

years a minister of another denomination, and thus lost several of its members. It has the past year, under the labors of Mr. Bonnell, done much to recover what it lost. There was something of a revival during the winter, and several have united with the church.

21. JAMAICA. Some repairs have been made upon the church building. A serious loss has been experienced in the death of two efficient, working members. The pastor resigned in January, but withdrew his resignation at the earnest request of the church and society.

22. KIRBY. This church is one of the least of the thousands of Israel. The missionary resides in Lyndon, and ministers also to the church there. He writes, "The heads of the fourteen families constituting this parish are all living, and all save one couple are professors. All the children, over seventeen years of age, are professors, and one younger has recently indulged hope. Of four couples all are over sixty-six years old. Their average age is seventy-two and a fraction."

23. MARSHFIELD. The missionary writes, "The past year has not been attended with that deep spiritual interest, and that ingathering into Christ's visible fold, which were hoped for at the outset. An intensely worldly spirit seems to be the great evil of this community. Lack of spiritual perceptions, and a narrow clinging to the life that now is, appear to hold many away from Christ. I have greatly longed, God helping me, to break this spell and create a thirst for better things. More public preaching did not seem to meet the case. Personal, private conversation and prayer, have yielded more visible fruit."

24. MIDDLETOWN. New hymn books have been introduced. Repairs have been made on the parsonage. The missionary says, "The church is in a harmonious state and enters upon its second centennial with encouraging prospects. The increase of manufacturing in the village; the opening of one of the largest hotels in the state, for those who visit the mineral springs and make the place a summer resort; and the increased enterprise of the town afford us the hope that there will be fewer removals in the future to weaken the church here than there have been in the past, and that the church will soon be self-sustaining."

25. MONTGOMERY CENTRE. An effort has been commenced to move and repair the church. A circular Conference in the winter resulted in a quickening of the church. A revival of discipline has occurred with hopeful results.

26. MORGAN. The missionary says, "The remnant of this church is small, weak pecuniarily, and by no means strong spiritually. The recent introduction of Spiritual Songs has awakened some interest. But I see now little prospect that this church will be permanently prosperous, or even live many years longer." The missionary's labors are divided between this and the church at West Charleston.

27. NEWBURY WEST. "The aspect of things in this field is what would usually be called healthful and encouraging, though not all that we could desire."

28. ORANGE. The church has enjoyed a quiet and prosperous year under the labors of Mr. Masonheimer. Attendance upon public worship, Sabbath-school and prayer meetings, has been good. Discipline has been attended to, and it is with much regret that they part with their acting pastor. His place is to be filled by Mr. F. L. Small.

29. PLAINFIELD. The pastor, by reason of illness, is unable to make the usual report from his field. He has labored faithfully and with increased profit to his congregation during the year.

30. POMFRET. The attendance upon public worship has been larger than in previous years. There is a lack of harmony in the church, which is greatly to be regretted. As the present missionary is a licentiate, and has labored there for two years, the directors decline to grant aid longer in his support, unless he is ordained; believing that, according to our polity the churches should pass judgment upon and give the right hand of fellowship to those who continue to minister from year to year among them. It is not the province of the Domestic Missionary Society to take the place of an Ordaining Council, and permanently accredit to the churches those who never have been accredited by the voice of the churches.

31. RIPTON. The missionary closed his labors here in March, at the end of his year. Since that time they have had no regular preaching. The church is small and, in order to sustain preaching at all, need to unite all their strength. Their only hope is in acting together, and in the spirit of Christ.

32. ROXBURY. This church has experienced severe trials for two years past by efforts to divide the religious sentiments of the people and an attempt to establish another church in a community, well supplied with religious privileges, and not having pecuniary means enough to sustain one church without aid. It is a mistaken zeal for the cause of Christ that enters on such an undertaking, dividing those

who should be united, and increasing greatly the difficulties of sustaining public worship at all in such places. The church is slowly recovering from the effects of this unwise movement.

33. ROYALTON SOUTH. The missionary says, "The year has been one of progress as it respects the Sabbath-school and social meetings. In the autumn and winter we enjoyed the special presence of the Holy Spirit, and there were several hopeful conversions to result, as we expect, in an enlargement of the church in due time."

34. ST. JOHNSBURY CENTRE. A new organ as an aid in worship has been received from a friend, and steps are being taken to repaint the inside of the church. The community are recovering from the heavy fire of a few years since, and there is a prospect of enlargement and greater ability on the part of the church.

35. STOWE. The report from this field says, "There has been a large emigration from here the past year, including three or four of our younger members. Meetings are pretty well sustained. A branch Sabbath-school was kept up in another part of the town last summer. Some meetings in out districts have also been held."

36. STRAFFORD. This church, at the close of its year in September last, voted to attempt the support of its pastor without further missionary aid, and so relieves the Missionary Society from all further care on their account. Freely they have received; freely may they give!

37. TOWNSHEND WEST. The missionary, after three years of labor, gave up his work May 1st. Though this parish is small, the community possess considerable pecuniary ability, and perhaps may secure a pastor without missionary aid.

38. TROY. Services have been recommenced under the labors of Mr. Walker, who resides at North Troy, and preaches there also.

39. TUNBRIDGE. The pastor was dismissed, and left in December. Since then they have been supplied by Mr. Perkins, who also ministers to the church at South Royalton. Repairs on the house of worship have been completed, and the indications are hopeful.

40. VERSHIRE. The experiment of a year, by this ancient church, in sustaining again public worship has been encouraging. A good degree of personal interest in religion has been manifest, and some have entered upon a new life. They appreciate the services of the missionary, and are to have his labors for the coming year.

SUMMARY.

WORK AND WORKMEN.

The money expended in the State and the number of churches aided has been somewhat less than for several years past. This has been mainly owing to the fact that a few churches, usually aided, have either been without preaching or not in a condition to claim help.

Fifty-three laborers have sowed the good seed in fifty-one fields. The visible spiritual results have not been as cheering as we have sometimes seen. No powerful or extensive revivals have been experienced. But the hearts of a few of the missionaries have been cheered by the special and manifest presence of the Holy Spirit. This has been true at Island Pond, Woodbury, Colchester, South Royalton and Bridgewater.

One hundred and six persons have been hopefully converted. Fifty-seven have been received to church membership by confession of faith, and forty-two by letter—making the total additions ninety-nine. Forty-two have been dismissed, forty-eight have been removed by death, and five by discipline. Two pastors have been settled and three dismissed. Eight missionaries left their fields during the year, and four others at its close. The average length of service of these twelve ministers was only two and three-fourths years.

The average membership of the missionary churches is thirty-eight. The average congregation seventy, and the average number enrolled in Sabbath-schools is seventy-one. One church, Strafford, has during the year voluntarily assumed self-support; two others, Wolcott and St. Johnsbury 1st, have asked for a smaller sum than heretofore. Three others, not assisted the year before, Vershire, Londonderry and North Hyde Park, have applied for aid, and there are others still that will make the request as soon as they can secure permanent ministers. There are several churches in our agricultural towns, some of which were once comparatively strong, that can barely sustain preaching when there is perfect harmony among them and they are blessed with a wise and faithful minister, but, if there is any want of interest felt in their minister or lack of hearty, united effort among themselves, they find it impossible to secure funds sufficient to sustain preaching, and in their perplexity and distress, sometimes apply for missionary aid to tide them over present troubles.

The church in Bridgewater has completed its house of worship, nd, by the aid of kind friends, dedicated it free of debt, and has for ts minister one of its own sons.

The church in Tunbridge has also completed the extensive repairs t had undertaken, and has an attractive house of worship. Though t has lost its pastor, there has been no discontinuance of wor-hip, and it is supplied with preaching by the acting pastor of South oyalton.

NATIONAL WORK.

While we are especially charged with looking after and providing or the wants of the feeble churches in this State, we do not forget hat this Society is auxiliary to the American Home Missionary So-iety, and that we are under obligations to our *whole* country. Our ome missionary field is as broad as our land; almost continental. t covers vast areas; states and territories large enough to be em-ires. From the fact that these are in a formative state, in the rocess of rapid settlement, receiving hundreds of thousands of imi-rants every year, they can do little religiously for themselves, and eed to have much done for them. Missionaries must be furnished hem without the asking; churches must be gathered; houses for orship built; all the foundations of Christian society laid with the ame rapidity that the people construct their homes and congregate nto villages. To save the new West there must be the same activ-y, energy, and devotion in the things of religion, that the settlers anifest in secular affairs, and much must be done for them from utside.

The condition and religious needs of society in the newer States npose upon us, as a nation, an amount of home missionary labor uch as no other nation is called to perform. We have not only to rovide Christian instruction and privileges for old communities and he natural increase of our population, but for half a million of people year, pouring in upon us from almost all the nations. If we would ake the new empires, which are being thus formed, *Christian* States; f we would have their foundations laid in the Word of God and rayer, and make the religion of Christ regnant in them, moulding heir civil and social life, we must hasten to be present in each form-ng community with the Bible, the missionary, the call to worship and he open sanctuary. This is a work that admits of no delay. To be one effectually it must be done *now*. We believe in our duty to vangelize China and Africa, and that, with God's help, we have the eans to do it. But, if there were actually a want of funds or men,

so that it were necessary to delay missionary work any where, China and Africa could better wait a few years, for the regenerating and controlling influences of the gospel, than can the New West. All the forces there are so active, and society is taking shape so fast, that a year witnesses greater results for good or ill than does a decade in China and Africa. But with the wealth God has given us, there is no lack of funds to prosecute with equal efficiency the home and foreign work. Neither should wait upon the other. Both should receive the liberal offerings of every Christian man and woman and every lover of his race.

RELATION OF STATE TO NATIONAL WORK.

As we consider the great West with its present needs of missionaries and funds to found Christian institutions, and the very inadequate supply of these, the question naturally arises whether we are doing what we ought for this work? Whether we are not expending more money than is necessary here at the East? Can we not save money for the West by giving up some of our Eastern feeble churches, or paying less to sustain them? There are some who perhaps think so, and, to be sure that their funds shall go wholly for the Western work, send them to the New York Society. In the administration of home missionary funds, in a country like ours, a wise economy should certainly be used, and the money appropriated over the whole field so as in the end to accomplish the most for the kingdom of Christ.

Now is it our duty to withdraw help entirely from feeble churches here at the East, and let them die, that, by money thus saved, we may organize other churches at the West? Or shall we make our appropriations so small to eastern churches that it will result in their death by starvation, and thereby their numbers be lessened, our membership and religious force here at the East be diminished, and communities now under Christian influences be left to return to virtual heathenism?

It may safely be affirmed, as a rule, that wherever the banner of Christ has been planted, subjects have been gained, and His institutions set up that His kingdom suffers serious loss by abandoning to the enemy, territory and souls that have been won to Him. The mission and true policy of the church is not to surrender conquests made, but to hold what she has gained, and conquer as fast as she can new possessions. The kingdom of Christ is to fill the earth, not by abandoning one state and nation and community to go to another, because the wants of that other are so great, but, by holding fast all it has gained, and from that as a base of operations and supplies.

to send perennially its armies of missionaries, its sanctified influence and its material help wherever the King has need of them.

Christianity should be *propagated*—not *transferred* from one place to another. There is no law which requires it to die in Vermont that it may find life elsewhere. The feeble churches in this State, made feeble for the most part by giving to exhaustion of their population to build up other places, have a right to continued life, and to help that they may live. They are in communities where the gospel is needed. There is yet hope of good in them for those communities. Moreover, they possess some salt—some saving grace for the rest of the world that should keep them from being counted as worthless and fit only to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.

The last census shows that the gain in population in this State, during the last decade, has been only one-half of one per cent.—less than any other State in the union. The reason of this is that our losses by emigration have been, according to our population, greater than any other State. Our young men and women, our neighbors, silently take their departure from all our country towns to other States—to the cities, the West, the South, and to the Pacific slope. But so accustomed are we to their leaving that little more attention is given to it than to the fall of the autumn leaves. Yet, as a consequence, towns are thinned of their inhabitants, schools languish, churches are made feeble, and a depressing influence is experienced through all our social, religious and business life. During the past two years the reports from many of our missionary fields speak of this process of weakening by emigration as still going on. Forty individuals have this spring gone from the State, in one company, to make homes for themselves in Dakota. Some of these were members of our missionary churches who have been brought to Christ within the last six years. We can confer no greater blessing on the West, we can in no other way do so much, in a home missionary point of view for her, as to send her imigrants instructed in Christian truth, and made disciples of Christ before they go—those who are already living stones, prepared to be built at once into the temples there to be erected to God. In the Macedonian cry that comes to us from the New West beseeching us for help, we may hear her first and most earnestly urging us for Christ's sake and for the sake of forming empires there, to keep in active operation our country churches that from them she may receive a godly seed, the ripened fruit of home missionary work, churches in embryo, in the sons and daughters we give them.

DEPENDENCE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS UPON OUR STATE WORK.

Not only does the West call upon us to keep up religious institutions in all of our towns, but equally so does the foreign missionary cause enter the same plea. Vermont has furnished one hundred and ninety foreign missionaries to the American Board. A very small per cent. of those have gone from the largest churches in the State, and almost none since they could be called large churches. By far the greater part of them were trained up in the moderate sized or smaller churches in the agricultural towns. This fact is so generally recognized, not only in this but other States, that the representative of the Board at our meeting at Chester last year told us that the Board looked to and was largely dependant on the country churches for the supply of the consecrated men and women they needed for the foreign work.

How large a part have the country churches in Vermont taken in the evangelization of the Sandwich Islands through the fourteen missionaries they contributed to go there? How much also have they done for Eastern, Central and Western Turkey by the labors of the forty-five of their sons and daughters that have been sent there? Secretary Clark said not long since that the missionaries that had gone from Vermont were doing more for the regeneration of Turkey than all of the diplomats of Europe. Shall we by withholding our sympathy and our efficient aid from the feeble churches of Vermont quench their life, and thus diminish any of our influence for good in this and other lands? For the sake of the *world* let us keep alive our feeble churches. For they give not only their sons and daughters for Christ's cause, but of their money also, and though this may not be counted by thousands, it may be as precious in the eyes of the Master as were the widow's mites. The missionary churches in the State have, the past year, given on an average ninety-five cents a member for the spread of the gospel. About one-third of this was given for home missionary work, and a large part of the rest for foreign missions—considerably more for foreign than for home missions.

ECONOMY IN STATE WORK.

But if it be conceded that our feeble churches in Vermont *must* be sustained, that great interests would be imperilled by leaving them to die, may it not be that we can give them *less* aid than they have had, and so more money be saved for the western work? This is a question that is considered in every grant that we make. In answering it let us look at a few facts. To make sure that the missionary churches

lo not ask for aid where they do not need it, and that they pay liberally themselves, they are required to first subscribe one hundred and wenty-five per cent on their grand list for the support of their minister, besides what they pay for incidentals. This rule is adhered to n all but a few manifestly exceptional cases. As a matter of fact nost pay more than one hundred and twenty-five per cent. The averge per cent. paid by them the past year has been one hundred and orty-three per cent. Can we ask them to do more than this, especially when we consider the fact that a considerable proportion of the nembers of these churches are small farmers, struggling with debt, nd having no property on which they are not taxed? How many of he self-sustaining churches are there that now pay, or could be induced to pay, so large a per cent.? No missionary society in any State requires the payment of a larger per cent. as a condition of aid han we do. In Massachusetts and Connecticut only one hnndred er cent. on the grand list is required.

But if it is admitted that the churches pay for the support of their ninisters as liberally as they can be asked to do, may it not be that he salaries are too large, and the Society is making larger individual grants than it should? The largest sum given to any church the past ear has been $275, and that in only one case, a majority receive less han $200. How is it in other States? Maine in some cases grants 300; New Hampshire and Connecticut $400: and Massachusetts 500 in several cases. The average grant to a church in Vermont is 163,—$3 less than it was a year ago. The average grant in New Hampshire is $176; in Massachusetts $216, and in Connecticut $221. So that our average grant to each church is less than in the other New England States.

As to salaries. The average salary given to the missionaries in Vermont is $479, with a parsonage in addition in about one half of he cases. This is $17 less than was given one year ago, and $45 ess than was given two years ago. Let us compare this with neighoring States. The average salary paid to missionaries in Maine is 550, exclusive of parsonage; in New Hampshire it is $600, including parsonage; in Massachusetts it is $680, and in Connecticut $790. We are, then, not only making a smaller appropriation to each church han they do in the other New England States, but we are paying our nissionaries a much smaller average salary. Ought we to ask, nay, ought we to permit them to work for any smaller remuneration? Is here not danger that, if we attempt to carry out economy any further n this direction, we shall make it impossible to retain in our mission-

ary churches such men as they need, and as are indispensible to their life and growth? There is a point beyond which if economy is attempted it becomes a most costly and ruinous expedient. That which is saved is at the expense of life or the most precious interests.

INCREASE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

If, then, we cannot in justice do less for Vermont, in order that we may do more for our whole country, we must make our total contributions for home missions *much larger* than we have done. This we can do. The average sum exclusive of legacies, given by our churches the past year for the whole work, State and national, was about fifty-one cents per member of our churches. Is fifty-one cents a member —not one cent a week—all that we are able to give to keep alive the churches in the State and, in this time of pressing need, carry help and salvation to the needy communities of the West? Have the members of our churches come into the kingdom at such a time as this that they may bear a glorious part in saving our land, and through our land the world, and now think to discharge their duty and meet their privilege by giving, on an average, one cent a week? Is this sum the measure of our ability, of our love to Christ, of our interest in and our desire to save our country? There are few men who do not spend many times fifty-one cents a year for what profits them little or nothing. The very boys on our streets exceed that sum in their outlays for their little enterprises, or to gratify their appetites. Shall our churches entertain so low an estimate of the importance of this work and of their duty as to feel satisfied with giving no more to carry it forward?

We need to reconsider this whole question of giving property for the service of God, and so regulate our personal and family expenses as to have more to give. We need, in the matter of our duty to our country, like the mariner, to take celestial observations and adjust our gifts by the light that shines from the cross, by the divine estimate of man's salvation. We need a clearer understanding of our responsibility and of the economy of grace, as related to human effort and the present needs of our land. Instead of advancing we have been falling back in our contributions for Home Missionary work. From 1871 to 1877, inclusive, we gave, on an average, $2,000 a year more for the State and National work, than we have during the past four years. Is this as it should be? In these days of revived prosperity, when God has given us peace and crowned us with plenty, shall we become selfish and withhold from Him our thank offerings, and those

tithes, which in his providence are a condition of a regenerated land? An average of one dollar a year, per member, is the least sum that will meet the present wants of our country, and the least amount that we should think of offering to our King.

WOMAN'S HELP.

In the prosecution of this work we need the help of the Christian women of our churches, and, perhaps, one reason why we have done no better for a few years past is because they have been zealously engaged in other departments of benevolence, and have not yet come in their strength to the aid of the home cause. In the early history of the State our mothers were most efficient in devising ways and means to raise money to help sustain missionaries in the destitute communities. Probably the first missionary organization in the State was formed by the women of Cornwall, as early as 1805, to help sustain home missionaries. About the same time another was formed at Middlebury. Within twenty years from that time a large number of such organizations were started in the State—Women's Missionary Societies. For several years the names of their officers were reported at the anniversary of this society, and some years they were printed with our Minutes.

But of late there has been a change, and so far as organized effort on the part of the women is concerned, it would seem to indicate a loss of interest in Home Missionary work. The Christian women of Cornwall and Middlebury, and a few other places, still send their yearly offerings for this cause. But they are the exceptions. Last year only nine such societies in the State, and this year only seven, have contributed any money for this work. It should, however, be acknowledged with gratitude that in several churches kind hearts and busy hands have prepared and dispatched boxes or barrels of clothing that have carried gladness and comfort into the homes of needy and deserving home missionaries. It is well, however, to bear in mind that, however charitable a deed it is to send help and cheer to the homes of the missionaries, in this way, these gifts constitute no part of their salaries, add no new men to the field, and cannot take the place of gifts in money to the treasury.

That there has been any real loss of interest in the general work of missions, among the women of the State, we do not believe. Nor do we believe that they are indifferent to the cause of home missions. But by a current of the times the tide of interest and effort has, for a few years past, set strongly toward the foreign field, in which fact we greatly rejoice. But, in the general formation of auxilaries to the

Woman's Board, it is very natural that, in the absence of any organization among themselves having the home work in view, they should, for the time, somewhat overlook its claims.

Now while we would not diminish by a single cent the amount given by them to the foreign work, nor abate any of their zeal for that object, we wish to call their attention directly to the question "Whether they are doing what they can and should for the evangelization of our country?" Whether some organization by themselves, having home work in view, is not a *necessity* in order to keep up a lively interest in this work, and secure from themselves regular and liberal contributions to it?

The efforts to form a National Woman's Association to forward home missions, has unfortunately, in some of its provisions, met with divided councils and is not likely to command universal approval. We would respectfully suggest to the women of the State that, through some organization, such as they may prefer, they become for the present auxiliary to our Domestic Missionary Society, with the understanding that our treasurer keep a separate account of all monies paid in by them, *and that these shall be expended in all cases according to their wishes;* either in the State or on the frontier, or for the support of female teachers in the New West. This is substantially the course adopted in Maine.

In closing, we commend to the churches, the ministers, the Christian women, to every lover of his country in the State, anew this great work.

Consider that the American Home Missionary Society, during the thirty-five years of its existence with its auxiliaries, has planted or aided 4,150 churches, and gathered into them 297,700 members. That it and they now have in their service to-day 1,032 missionaries, and have extended their operations into every State and organized territory in the union.

Consider that *forty-two per cent.* of all the ministers in our denomination, who are engaged in pastoral work in the land, are home missionaries, and that to carry forward such a work the Lord has need of our most liberal offerings, and while the State of Minnesota gives an average of eighty cents, and California ninety cents, a member a year, for this work, let us not be satisfied with less than one hundred cents—two cents a week per member. As the Lord has put into our hands the means, may he put into our minds the purpose, to give this amount.

For the Directors,

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 11, 1881.

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.			
BRIDPORT	$51 32	$	$
CORNWALL—Collection, $39 00; Ladies' Cent Society, $28 49	39 00	28 49	
MIDDLEBURY—Collection, $85 82; Ladies' Domestic Miss. Society, $77 50	85 32	77 50	
NEW HAVEN	67 91		
ORWELL	24 00		
RIPTON	12 50		
SHOREHAM	22 00		
VERGENNES	20 00		
WEYBRIDGE	29 00		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
ARLINGTON EAST	11 00		
BENNINGTON CENTER	25 00		
BENNINGTON—Second Church	118 79		
DORSET	21 59		
DORSET EAST	20 33		
MANCHESTER	68 46		
PERU	4 33		
RUPERT	20 00		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET	27 75		
BARNET, (McINDOES FALLS)	22 50		
BURKE EAST—C. A. Harris	25 00		
DANVILLE	25 00		
KIRBY	9 37		
LYNDON—J. W. Colby, $30 00; Dr. L. W. Hubbard, to constitute himself a Life Member, $20 00	50 00		
PEACHAM	16 50		
ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER	35 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST	11 05		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Messrs. Horace and Franklin Fairbanks	$1000		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH	274 68		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH—Mr. Thaddeus Fairbanks			500 00
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BURLINGTON—Third Church	173 12		
CHARLOTTE	40 00		
COLCHESTER	32 00		
ESSEX CENTRE	10 00		
JERICHO CENTRE—$25 00; Friends, $15 00	40 00		
MILTON	25 62		
RICHMOND—$26 00; U. S. Whitcomb, $20 00	46 00		
UNDERHILL	10 00		
WILLISTON	19 00		
ESSEX COUNTY.			
BRIGHTON	9 50		
GRANBY	13 50		
GUILDHALL	10 75		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.			
ENOSBURGH	$9 00	$	$
FRANKLIN	7 00		
GEORGIA	2 00		
MONTGOMERY CENTRE	5 00		
RICHFORD—Mrs. G. R. Powell	10 00		
SHELDON	3 44		
ST. ALBANS	109 44		
SWANTON—Church, $7 70; Home Circle, $5 00; Swanton Ladies' Cent Society, $12 75; A friend, $10 00	22 70	12 75	
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE	7 23		
GRAND ISLE COUNTY.			
ALBURGH	11 00		
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
CAMBRIDGE	9 25		
HYDE PARK NORTH			8 55
JOHNSON	17 25		
MORRISVILLE	25 21		
STOWE	2 19		
WOLCOTT	21 67		
LAMOILLE COUNTY CONFERENCE	11 00		
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRADFORD—Ladies' Cent Society		39 55	
BROOKFIELD—Second Church	10 04		
CHELSEA	22 00		
CORINTH	10 34		
NEWBURY—$82 22; For A. H. M. S., $13 25; Sabbath School, $2 00	95 57		
NEWBURY WEST	28 73		
ORANGE	5 00		
RANDOLPH	10 35		
RANDOLPH WEST—$15 51; Estate of Elizabeth Heath, $67 00	82 51		
STRAFFORD	35 00		
THETFORD—To constl. Mrs. Sim'n C. Senter a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	37 50		
THETFORD NORTH	10 57		
TUNBRIDGE	15 06		
VERSHIRE	10 00		
WELLS RIVER	18 21		
WEST FAIRLEE	9 09		
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
ALBANY	3 26		
BARTON—Ladies' Domestic Missionary Society		12 77	
CHARLESTON WEST	37 50		
CRAFTSBURY NORTH	14 35		
GREENSBORO—$5 25; A Friend, $5 00	10 25		
HOLLAND—$6 34; Rev. J. Fraser, $10 00	16 34		
IRASBURGH	8 50		
LOWELL	6 00		
MORGAN	12 50		
NEWPORT	16 60		
TROY	8 00		
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
BENSON—$11 26; Ezra Strong, $2 00	13 26		
CLARENDON	20 17		
DANBY	9 50		
FAIR HAVEN	27 50		
HUBBARDTON	12 00		
MIDDLETOWN	19 00		
PITTSFORD—$44 00; Mrs. L. A. Walker, $5 00	49 00		
RUTLAND—$189 53 to constl. Hon. Joel Haven a Life Director of the A. H. M. S.; No Signature, $5 00; Sabbath School, $32 19	226 72		
RUTLAND WEST	45 00		
SHERBURNE			32 40
WALLINGFORD—$33 09; Ladies' Cent Society, $24 15	33 09	24 15	
WEST HAVEN	5 21		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
WASHINGTON COUNTY.			
BARRE	$18 00	$	$
BERLIN—$30 00 to constitute F. A. Warren a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.; Rev. A. Ladd, $5 00	35 00		
BERLIN WEST	12 00		
CABOT	11 25		
MARSHFIELD	22 00		
MONTPELIER—$55 06; Sabbath School, $5 95: Rev. A. D. Barber, $2 00	63 01		
NORTHFIELD	40 55		
PLAINFIELD	12 75		
ROXBURY	9 44		
WARREN			80 43
WAITSFIELD	31 65		
WATERBURY—To consti. Clinton H. Ward a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	30 00		
WOODBURY	2 50		
WORCESTER	12 43		
WINDHAM COUNTY.			
BELLOWS FALLS—To consti. C. M. Osgood, O. L. Slader, H. C. J. Johnson, W. P. Williams and Mrs. Olive G. Williams Life Members	100 00		
BRATTLEBORO	81 84		
BRATTLEBORO WEST	47 26		
CAMBRIDGEPORT	6 00		
DUMMERSTON	2 47		
JAMAICA	20 67		
SAXTON'S RIVER	15 85		
TOWNSHEND WEST	12 10		
WARDSBORO SOUTH	6 00		
WESTMINSTER—$2 00; Mrs. C. Powers, $1 00; Former Pastor, $2 00	5 00		
WESTMINSTER WEST	26 25		
WINDHAM—$14 09; Banks Fund, $2 00	16 09		
WILMINGTON	4 00		
WINDSOR COUNTY.			
ASCUTNEYVILLE—To constitute Geo. Fitch a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	30 00		
BETHEL—By the hand of S. C. Thayer	75 00		
CHESTER	33 19		
HARTFORD—$55 55; Miss E. Hazen, $15 00; J. G. Stimson, $20 00; A Friend, $1 00	91 00		
HARTLAND	5 01		
LUDLOW	22 94		
NORWICH—$40 00; Sabbath School for Sabbath School work, $2 00	72 00		
POMFRET—$12 00; Returned by Mr. Remele, $4 00	16 00		
QUECHEE	19 00		
ROYALTON	19 60		
ROYALTON SOUTH	15 00		
SPRINGFIELD	31 00		
STOCKBRIDGE	12 00		
WESTON	15 00		
WINDSOR	82 80		
WOODSTOCK	100 13		
WINDSOR COUNTY CONFERENCE	1 10		
OTHER RECEIPTS.			
Annual Collection at Chester	65 08		
Gibson, Pa., A. S. U., part payment for Life Membership	10 00		
Troy, N. Y., Rev. C. Redfield	5 00		
Keysville, N. Y., Rev. L. H. Elliot	5 00		
Barton, Legacy of Mrs. T. B. Hamilton to constitute Dea. Perry F. Hitchcock a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	150 00		
Brandon, Legacy of Olivia Gill	500 00		
Chelsea, Legacy of Dea. Careos Moore	$1200		
Waitsfield, Legacy of Miss Mehitable Ryder	500 00		
Dividend on Railroad Stock	121 00		
From Notes and Interest	900 00		
From Maine State Bonds	180 00		
From New Hampshire State Bonds	30 00		
From U. S. Bonds	28 00		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In Account with the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY:

1880.	DEBIT.		
June 8.	To cash as per report this day		$1,037 62
"	from contributions	$5,859 75	
"	" legacies	2,417 00	
"	" interest and dividends	1,259 00	
			9,535 75
			$10,573 37

	CREDIT.		
1880–81.	By paid orders of Secretary	$7,670 88	
"	for printing	133 90	
"	Rev. C. S. Smith, salary	1,200 00	
"	" expenses	200 00	
"	" post'e and stati'ry	40 20	
	Cash, to be accounted for	1,328 39	
			$10,573 37

The invested funds of the Society are the same as reported last year.

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*.

MONTPELIER, June 13, 1881.

I certify that I have this day examined the foregoing account of J. C. Emery, Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, and find charged to him balance of funds on hand at commencement of year..... $1,037 62
That he has received during the year the sum of..... 9,535 75

Making a total of..... $10,573 37
I find he has disbursed on proper vouchers the sum of..... 9,244 98

Leaving a balance in the treasury to be hereafter accounted for, $1,328 39

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor*.

ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY.

RECEIPTS ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1881, WHICH HAVE NOT PASSED THROUGH OUR TREASURY.

1880.		
June.	Bennington, Second Church Sunday School	$12 63
	St. Albans, A Friend	10 00
	St. Johnsbury, North Church	13 00
July.	Burlington, Third Church Sunday School	50 00
	Jeffersonville, A Friend	20 00
	Springfield, A Friend of Missions	400 00
	Westminster West, D. Goddard	20 00
August.	Newbury, Hon. P. W. Ladd	5 00
Sept.	Chester	8 08
	Tunbridge	4 55
Oct.	Chelsea, Legacy of S. Douglass	750 00
	Jeffersonville, A Friend	60 00
	Town Waterford	8 33
	Putney, Mrs. H. A. Foster	5 00
	Shelburne, A Friend	15 00
	Swanton	5 00
	Westford, Legacy of Miss Chloe Osgood	25 00
Nov.	Greensboro, Mrs. S. D. Pinney	10 00
	Bennington North	13 37
	St. Johnsbury North	231 50
Dec.	Bellows Falls	21 04
	Benson, Anna M. Howard	10 00
	Brattleboro, Miss M. E. Van Dorn	6 00
	Brattleboro, Mrs. F. D. Pratt, $5.00; R., $5.00.	10 00
	Burlington, Sarah Parker	2 00
	Jeffersonville, A Friend	60 00
Jan. '81.	East Hardwick	21 00
	Rutland, Mrs. A. C. Dyer	10 00
	Springfield, Mrs. F. Parks	100 00
	Stowe, Friends	28 57
Feb.	Bradford, Ladies, freight	1 00
	Brandon	46 50
	Brookfield, Second Church	11 22
	Burlington, First Church	227 70
	Castleton	25 55
	Chester	5 00
	East Hardwick	3 00
	Jeffersonville, A Friend	60 00
	New Haven, A Friend	30 00
	St. Johnsbury, A Friend	40
	Swanton, Harvey Stone	100 00

Feb.	Wells River, Ladies, freight	3 00
	West Charleston, Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Herrick	10 00
	Cornwall	3 00
	Windham, Ladies, freight	1 00
March.	Bennington, Second Church	24 00
	Burlington, First Church	10 00
	Castleton	50
	Danville	21 65
	Lyndon, First Church	15 87
	Manchester, Rev. A. Hemenway	10 00
	Middlesex, Mary A. Eustis	65
	New Haven	30 00
	Peacham, Mrs. M. S. Underwood	20 00
	Pittsford, Individuals	14 00
	St. Johnsbury, North Church	140 20
	Vergennes, Legacy of Jeremiah Bingham	61 46
	West Rutland, M. Newton	5 00
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er, John.....VIII..	West Derby.....	A. P.
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6	Hatch, Elias W	VI.	East Berkshire	P.
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4	Hazen, Austin	XIV.	Jericho	A. P.
11	Hazen, Wm. S	V.	Northfield	P.
	Hemenway, Asa	I.	Manchester	W. C.
8	Herrick, Edward E	IX.	Chelsea	P.
	Herrick, Horace	IV.	Felchville	W. C.
9	Herrick, Wm. T	VIII.	West Charleston	A. P.
4	Hickok, Henry P		Burlington	W. C.
13	Hicks, Lewis W	XI.	Weathersfield, Ct.	P.
6	Hicks, Richard	VI.	Alburgh Springs	A. P.
11	Hincks, John H	V.	Montpelier	P.
10	Hooker, Edward T	X.	Castleton	P.
12	Holbrook, Amos	XII.	Saxton's River	A. P.
8	Hosford, Isaac		North Thetford	W. C.
1	Houghton, John C	I.	Cornwall	A. P.
9	Howard, Jabez T	VIII.	West Charleston	W. C.
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	Hulbert, Calvin B., D. D.	I.	Lyndonville	A. P.
4	Hungerford, Edward	XIV.	Burlington	A. P.
8	James, Horace P		Corinth	P.
2	Jennings, Isaac	II.	Bennington	P.
10	Johnson, James G., D. D.	X.	Rutland	P.
3	Jones, Henry W	III.	St. Johnsbury	P.
	Kaley, John A	VIII.	Jackson, Mich.	A. P.
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1	Knowlton, Stephen	I.	New Haven	W. C.
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	Litch, J. Lincoln	VIII.	Derby Line	P.
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12	Martin, George E	XII.	Brattleboro	P.
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12	Merrill, Josiah		Dummerston	A. P.
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10	Moore, N. Schuyler		Pawlet	A. P.
3	Morse, Charles F	III.	Lower Waterford	A. P.

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10	Myrick, Osborn	X.	Middletown	A. P.
13	Nichols, Nathan B	XI.	Norwich	A. P.
14	Olmsted, Franklin W.	XIV.	Williston	A. P.
13	Osgood, Reuben D	III.	Lyndon	A. P.
12	Partridge, Lewis C	II.	North Bennington	A. P.
9	Patten, Moses	III.	Greensboro	W. C.
13	Perkins, Sidney K. B.	IX.	South Royalton	A. P.
12	Perry, Charles A		Windham	S.
13	Phelps, Frederic B	III.	St. Johnsbury East.	P.
9	Phelps, Lawrence	VIII.	Barton	P.
11	Pitkin, Paul H	V.	Marshfield	P.
8	Place, L. H		Braintree Hill	A. P.
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	Ranney, Timothy E.	VIII.	St. Johnsbury Cen.	W. C.
8	Ranslow, Eugene J	VII.	Wells River	A. P.
2	Read, Edward G	II.	Bennington	P.
	Read, Hollis	II.	Bennington	W. C.
2	Redfield, Charles	II.	Troy, N. Y	W. C.
2	Reed, Albert C	II.	Manchester	P.
13	Remele, William A		North Pomfret	Lic. S.
10	Rice, Walter	X.	Brandon	A. P.
13	Richards, Jarvis		Windsor	A. P.
7	Richardson, Chauncey J.	IV.	Wolcott	A. P.
11	Robinson, Stephen H	V.	Waitsfield	P.
	Rustedt, Henry F	X.	Shrewsbury	W. C.
4	Safford, Geo. B., D. D.	XIV.	Burlington	P.
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	Shaw, Henry H	II.	Northfield	Teacher.
13	Slack, Henry L		Chester	P.
	Small, Frederic L	V.	Orange	Lic. S.
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11	Smith, Charles S	V.	Montpelier	Sec. Vt. D. M. S.
1	Smith, Ebenezer	I.	Middlebury	W. C.
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12	Stevens, Alfred, D. D.	XII.	Westminster West.	P.
10	Stewart, Amasa	X.	Pittsford	W. C.
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	Tilden, Lucius L.	X.	Nashua, N. H.	W. C.
	Tolman, George B.	IX.	Santa Barbara, Cal.	A. P.
4	Torrey, Henry A. P.	XIV.	Burlington	Prof. U. Vt.
6	Van Norden, Charles	VI.	St. Albans	P.
2	Vincent, Samuel L.		Peru	P.
9	Walker, Joseph N.	VIII.	North Troy	P.
12	Ward, Earl J.	XII.	Grafton	P.
6	Watson, Charles P.	VI.	Sheldon	A. P.
13	Wells, Moses H.		Claremont, N. H.	A. P.
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11	Wheeler, Sheldon H.		Waterbury	P.
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3	Wild, Azel W.	III.	Peacham	P.
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4	Wilder, John C.	XIV.	Charlotte	W. C.
4	Willard, A. J., M. D.	XIV.	Burlington	W. C.
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13	Winch, Caleb M.	V.	Hartland	P.
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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. Jonathan Clement, H. F. Leavitt, Aldace Walker, Harvey D. Kitchel, M. H. Buckham, William H. Lord, Charles S. Smith, Alfred Stevens, Joseph Chandler, Joseph Torrey, Julius Converse, Franklin Fairbanks, John A. Page, L. L. Dutcher, James W. Hickok, and their associates, who shall be the members of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, and which members shall continue such associates for one year from the time of the adjournment of the Convention of which they are members, and till others become members in their stead, are hereby constituted a corporation and body politic by the name of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont; and by that name may sue and be sued; may have a common seal; and shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges of a corporation, for the purpose of receiving, taking care of and managing all funds, property and money which has heretofore, or may hereafter, come to the care, control, management, custody, or ownership of said Convention, or any trustee, officer, or person for said Convention, by whatever form or mode said funds, property, or money may have been, or may hereafter be conveyed, given, transferred, bequeathed or devised to such Convention, or to the denomination of Christians called and known by the name of Congregationalists, or any branch thereof.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called by two or more of the persons named in the first section of this act, and which meeting shall be at the time and place of the next General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, a notice of which meeting shall be published at least three successive weeks in the VERMONT CHRONICLE, published at Windsor, Vermont.

SEC. 3. At said meeting and all other annual meetings of said corporation shall be chosen a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five trustees, who shall hold their respective offices one year, and till others are chosen or appointed.

SEC. 4. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall respectively perform the offices usually performed by such officers, and such as may be imposed upon them by the by-laws. The Secretary

also shall call all meetings under the direction of the trustees, and also when at least three members shall, in writing, request a special meeting to be called. All meetings of the corporation shall be called and notified by publishing the same in one or more newspapers in the State, one of which shall be the VERMONT CHRONICLE, unless otherwise ordered by the by-laws of the corporation, or by the Trustees. The treasurer, except where otherwise ordered by the corporation, shall receive all moneys, funds, property and assets of every description belonging to, entrusted, or in any way committed to the care or custody of the corporation, and be responsible for the same, and shall disburse, pay over and deliver, as shall from time to time be ordered by the trustees or a majority of them; he shall at least once a year make a full and true statement and report of the financial condition of the corporation, therein designating the kind or class of funds, and for what purpose donated, bequeathed or held; he shall also exhibit all books, vouchers and papers to said trustees whenever requested by them, and shall furnish statements and copies whenever requested by them, upon reasonable notice; he shall, if requested by the trustees, give bonds with sufficient sureties to the acceptance of the trustees, for the faithful discharge of his duties as treasurer. Whenever a vacancy shall happen in the office of treasurer, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment of the trustees, till the next annual meeting of the corporation, or till appointed by vote of the corporation. The trustees shall have the general oversight of the interests and prudential affairs of the corporation; shall see that all funds, moneys, and other property are faithfully preserved, taken care of, and administered as shall be most for the interest of the corporation, and in accordance with the wishes of testators and donors; they shall perform all acts and discharge all duties not assigned to any other officer by the articles of association, or by the by-laws made in pursuance thereof. If any vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment by the surviving trustees till an election by the corporation.

SEC. 5. At an annual meeting of the corporation, by-laws may be established or altered, not inconsistent with this charter or the laws of this State.

SEC. 6. This act shall be under the control of any future legislature, and shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, November 21, 1872.

Adopted by the Convention, June 18, 1873.

CONSTITUTION.

OBJECT.

ART. 1. The object of the Convention is to promote the harmony, fellowship and efficiency of the churches, and their co-operation in Christian work.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD.

ART. 2. The Convention receives as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity as they are for substance stated in the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865; these doctrines are understood by us to be those which from the beginning have been received by the Congregational Churches of New England.

COMPOSITION OF CONVENTION.

ART. 3. Every Association of ministers in the State, or partly in the State, receiving these doctrines, is entitled to one delegate in the Convention; each Association having eight or more resident ordained ministers, two delegates, and each of sixteen, three delegates. Every County Conference of churches, receiving the same faith, is entitled to two delegates; each Conference of six or more churches, three delegates, and for each additional three churches, or major fraction of three, an additional delegate. From each Conference one delegate may be a minister, or two if six or more delegates are sent, or three of nine.

Persons elected to any office or holding any appointment by this Convention, shall be members thereof until such office or appointment shall expire; also, officers of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, the editor of the VERMONT CHRONICLE, the organ of the Convention, and the minister of the parish where the meeting is held.

Persons recommended by the Business Committee, may be received as Honorary Members, and participate in all deliberations, but may not vote.

OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The officers of the Convention as prescribed by the act of incorporation are a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually, and to hold their respective offices from the final adjournment of the meeting at which they are chosen to the close of the next annual meeting. There shall also be appointed at each annual meeting, two or more boards of five each, to have the care of funds or any valuable interests intrusted to the Convention for the ensuing year, a Scribe, Assistant Scribe, and an Auditor of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the

several boards having the management of funds, to serve at and during the meeting at which they are appointed; and once in five years, commencing with 1875, there shall also be appointed a Corresponding Secretary for the Convention, and Reporters of Statistics, and Receivers of Assessments for the several Conferences of Churches.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, at the proper time, to furnish the Reporters with a copy of the schedule prepared for collecting statistics under the direction of the Convention; to arrange the statistical parts of the reports when returned, for publication; and, from the facts reported, to present to the Convention during its session a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year.

DUTIES OF REPORTERS.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Reporters, each for his own Conference, to make report for the year ending January first, agreeably to the blank schedule furnished them. These reports shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meeting of the Convention. In case of the absence of any Reporter, the duty of reporting shall devolve on the Register of the Conference.

TIME OF MEETING.

ART. 7. The Convention shall meet annually on the second Tuesday of June at 2 o'clock, P. M.

VACANCIES.

ART. 8. If at any time, or from any cause, the office of Secretary, or of Corresponding Secretary of the Convention shall become vacant, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall immediately, by notification of each member in writing, convene the Board at a specified time and place, and, when so met, said Board shall by a majority vote appoint some person to fill the vacancy till the next annual meeting of the Convention or until a new election is made; and any person so appointed shall be a legal officer of the Convention.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 9. These articles shall not be altered except at an annual meeting and by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

Adopted June 17, 1874.

RULES OF BUSINESS AND ORDER.

1. To facilitate the preparing of the roll, members of the Convention are required to hand their certificates of membership to the Secretary, or to the Minister of the parish, as soon as practicable after reaching the place of meeting. No person shall be enrolled without credentials, unless by vote of the Convention.

2. The Annual meeting of the Convention shall be opened with a business session. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall take the chair, lead in prayer, call for the reading of the roll, and for the election of a Scribe and Assistant Scribe, when the docket of business prepared by the Secretary shall be read. In the absence of both President and Vice President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and after reading the roll, shall call for the election of a President, *pro tempore*, who shall be chosen by ballot, and shall preside till the President or Vice President shall arrive, or till the close of the session.

3. The stated public exercises after the opening of the business session shall be as follows:

Tuesday Evening—Convention Sermon.

Wednesday Morning—Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

Wednesday Afternoon—Report of the Corresponding Secretary, to be followed by an essay.

Wednesday Evening—Addresses by representatives from such of our co-operative benevolent societies as the Committee of Arrangements shall provide.

Thursday Morning—Discussion, introduced by the brethren appointed, those opening the discussion being limited to twenty minutes each, and those following to ten minutes each.

Thursday Afternoon—Conclusion of business and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

4. The committees to be appointed at each meeting are as follows: A Business Committee, through which all business not provided for in the Docket shall be brought before the Convention. A Nominating Committee, to nominate the officers provided for in the Act of Incorporation and in the Constitution, and the delegates to corresponding bodies. A Finance Committee, to make assessments on the Conferences. A Committee on Devotional Exercises, of which the Minister of the parish shall be chairman. A Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to recommend the place for such meeting, nominate the preacher and substitute, select topics for the discussion and essay, and nominate persons to open the discussion and prepare the essay, with substitutes for each; whose office shall continue through the year, and who shall be empowered to make arrangements for the presentation of benevolent causes. These and all other committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise order, are to be nominated by the presiding officer in connection with the Secretary.

5. The meetings of the Convention each morning shall be opened with prayer, when the Scribe shall call the roll of members and read the minutes of the preceding day.

6. The President shall preserve order and decorum in the body, and when he takes part in any discussion, shall leave the chair, and address the Secretary.

7. No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, except by unanimous consent and after every other member who desires shall have spoken; and then the mover in the matter pending shall be permitted to speak in reply.

8. Every motion, except for adjournment, shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any two members desire it. No motion shall be acted on till seconded.

9. If any member in debating or otherwise shall transgress the rules of order or of propriety, the President shall, by his own authority, or at the request of any member, call him to order; and if a question shall arise concerning his being in order, it shall be decided without debate by an appeal to the body.

10. When two or more persons rise to speak at once, the President shall name the one who is first to speak.

11. No motion committed to writing shall be finally decided upon until it shall have had three several readings, if any member calls for it.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a stated time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged. On a motion for adjournment, for laying on the table, for indefinite postponement, there shall be no debate.

13. If the report of a committee contains only matters of fact for information, or of argument for the consideration of the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted?* and that question, unless superseded by a motion to reject, to recommit, to postpone, or to lay on the table, shall be taken *without debate.* Such report, if accepted, is placed upon the files of the Convention, not entered upon the Minutes.

14. If a report is in, or terminates with the form of a vote, resolution or declaration, expressing the judgment or testimony of the Convention, the question shall then be taken on the *adoption* of the report. If adopted, the vote, resolution or declaration is entered upon the Minutes.

15. On the report of a Treasurer of a Board of Trustees or Directors, or of a Committee or other agent empowered to act for the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted and approved?* which question may be divided if a division is called for.

16. The merits of any subject whose proper reference is to the Business Committee shall not be discussed in Convention until it has been referred to that Committee for consideration and report.

17. Members who may find it necessary to leave before the close of the meeting, are expected to give notice of the fact to the President.

18. If it becomes necessary to change the place of the annual meeting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in consultation with the President and Vice-President, to select a place.

These By-Laws and Rules shall not be subject to alteration except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

TIME OF MEETING.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD AND MEMBERSHIP.

The Convention meets on the second Tuesday of June annually. Its doctrinal standard is the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865. It is constituted as follows:

Every Association of ministers in the State, or partly in the State, receiving these doctrines, is entitled to one delegate in the Convention; each Association having eight or more resident ordained ministers, two delegates, and each of sixteen, three delegates. Every County Conference of churches, receiving the same faith, is entitled to two delegates; each Conference of six or more churches, three delegates, and for each additional three churches, or major fraction of three, an additional delegate. From each Conference one delegate may be a minister, or two if six or more delegates are sent, or three of nine.

Persons elected to any office, or holding any appointment by this Convention, shall be members thereof until such office or appointment shall expire; also, officers of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, the editor of the VERMONT CHRONICLE, the organ of the Convention, and the minister of the parish where the meeting is held.

Persons recommended by the Business Committee may be received as Honorary Members, and participate in all deliberations, but may not vote.

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES,

AND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

President—Rev. L. O. BRASTOW, D. D., Burlington.
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Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Ph. D., J. C. Emery, Esq., Rev. C. W. Thompson, Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. C. C. McIntire, Dea. G. M. Sykes, Rev. H. Fairbanks, Ph. D.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. George E. Hall; *Bennington Conference*—Rev. L. C. Partridge; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. C. W. Thompson; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. Austin Hazen; *Essex Conference*—Rev. C. Duren; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. A. B. Swift; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. A. A. Smith; *Orange Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. E. P. Wild; *Rutland Conference*—Rev. J. K. Williams; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen; *Windham Conference*—Rev. Amos Holbrook; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. Henry L. Slack.

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To Vermont M. E. Conference—Rev. J. H. Hincks. Substitute, Rev. C. W. Thompson.

To Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. H. L. Slack. Substitute, Rev. A. Stevens, D. D.

To F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. H. W. Jones. Substitute, Rev. S. W. Dike.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Place—Newport.

Preacher—Rev. C. W. Thompson. Substitute, Rev. W. S. Hazen.

Essay—The Gift of the Holy Ghost. Rev. C. H. Merrill. Substitute, Rev. V. M. Hardy.

Discussion—Is any change in or departure from the present methods of educating men for the ministry desirable? Rev. Allen Clark, Rev. H. L. Slack. Substitutes, Rev. N. F. Carter, Rev. G. E. Martin.

Committee on Vermont Chronicle—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D., M. H. Buckham, D. D., Rev. W. S. Hazen.

Sabbath School Committee—Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. J. H. Babbitt.

Committee of Arrangements for next year—Rev. E. P. Wild, Rev. T. M. Boss, Rev. J. H. Babbitt.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, St. Johnsbury.
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tary: Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D. *Treasurer:* Prof. N. A. Calkins, 69 House, New York City.

CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

Agent: George P. Smith, Congregational House, Boston.

OTHER SOCIETIES ON OUR SCHEDULE.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

esponding Secretary: Rev. Edward W. Gilman, D. D. *Assistant rer:* Andrew L. Taylor, Bible House, N. Y.

VERMONT BIBLE SOCIETY.

esponding Secretary: Rev. L. Tenney, Barre. *Treasurer:* Hon. John e, Montpelier.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

esponding Secretary: J. M. Stevenson, D. D. *Treasurer:* O. R. Kings-50 Nassau St., N. Y. Rev. M. M. Cutter, Secretary of New England , 52 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

SCHEDULE

—OF—

TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.	JANUARY, FEBRUARY.	MARCH, APRIL.	MAY, JUNE.	JULY, AUGUST.	SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER.	NOVEMBER, DECEMBER.
Windham	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.			Congregational Un.	
Windsor	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.	Home Missions.	Col. and Ed. Soc.	Tract Society.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.
Orange		Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.			Congregational Un.
Washington	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.	Home Missions.	Col. and Ed. Soc.	Tract Society.
Bennington	Congregational Un.		Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.		
Rutland	Tract Society.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.	Home Missions.	Col. and Ed. Soc.
Addison		Congregational Un.		Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	
Chittenden	Col. and Ed. Soc.	Tract Society.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.	Home Missions.
Grand Isle						
Franklin	Home Missions.	Col. and Ed. Soc.	Congregational Un.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.
Lamoille			Tract Society.		Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.
Orleans						
Caledonia	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Col. and Ed. Soc.	Congregational Un.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Bible Society.
Essex	Work in Papal l'ds.			Tract Society.		Cong. Pub. Society.

MINUTES.

The GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the Congregational Church of Manchester, June 13, 1882.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Secretary, Rev. C. H. Merrill, called the meeting to order, and read the roll of members, which, in its completed form, is as follows:

DELEGATES PRESENTING CREDENTIALS.

Addison Association—Rev. C. S. Sargent, Rev. W. N. Bacon.

Bennington Association—Rev. P. S. Pratt, Rev. L. C. Partridge.

Caledonia Association—Rev. R. D. Osgood.

Lamoille Association—

Montpelier Association—Rev. W. S. Hazen.

North-Western Association—Rev. C. W. Clark.

Orange Association—Rev. Horace P. James.

Orleans Association—Rev. Lawrence Phelps.

Royalton Association—

Rutland Association—Rev. L. D. Mears, Rev. Walter Rice.

White River Association—Rev. N. F. Carter.

Windham Association—Rev. O. G. Baker, Rev. Lewis Grout, Rev. R. D. Metcalf.

Windsor Association—

Winooski Association—

Addison Conference—Rev. J. C. Houghton, Bro. C. W. Jones, Dea. Samuel James.

Bennington Conference—Rev. E. G. Read, Rev. A. B. Lambert, D. D., Dea. B. W. Safford, Dea. H. H. Harwood, Bro. C. J. Hurd, Dea. Lewis McIntire.

Caledonia Conference—Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Ph. D., Dea. P. D. Blodgett.

Chittenden Conference—

Essex Conference—

Franklin & Grand Isle Conference—Rev. J. H. Babbitt.

Lamoille Conference—Bro. W. L. Anderson, Bro. S. F. Hopkins.

Orange Conference—

Orleans Conference—

Rutland Conference—Rev. C. N. Brainard, Rev. G. H. Morss, Rev. G. G. Lyon, Dea. H. C. Rumsey, Dea. J. M. Haven, Dea. J. C. Spencer, Bro. E. L. Barber.

Washington Conference—Rev. J. F. Stone, Dea. Joseph Poland, Dea. Daniel Chandler, Bro. G. W. Scott.

Windham Conference—Rev. Amos Holbrook, Rev. G. E. Martin, Dea. C. S. Clark, Dea. C. W. Hastings, E. B. Pettengill, M. D., Hon. Homer Goodhue, Hon. I. K. Batchelder.

Windsor Conference—Rev. N. R. Nichols, Rev. T. M. Boss, Dea. John Dutton, Dea. Amasa Woolson, D. F. Coolidge, M. D.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF THE CONVENTION.

Secretary—Rev. C. H. Merrill.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. A. W. Wild.

Trustee of Convention—Rev. A. Stevens, D. D.

Preacher—Rev. J. H. Hincks.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. C. F. Thompson, Dea. G. M. Sykes.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. A. C. Read.

Appointees of last meeting—Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, Rev. S. L. Bates, Rev. J. K. Williams, Rev. C. C. McIntyre.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Secretary—Rev. C. S. Smith.

Directors—Rev. Isaac Jennings, Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D.

Editor of the Vermont Chronicle—Rev. A. D. Barber.

Committee to carry into effect the Resolution on Divorce—Rev. S. W. Dike.

Rev. Isaac Jennings was elected to preside, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev. L. D. Mears was chosen *Scribe*, Dea. G. M. Sykes, *Assistant Scribe*, and Dea. J. M. Haven, *Auditor*.

The report of the Committee on the *Vermont Chronicle* was called for, and deferred until to-morrow morning after the meeting of the Domestic Missionary Society.

Also the report of the Committee on Divorce, which was deferred until the opening of the business session to-morrow morning.

Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Conference, reported attendance at the annual meeting of that body.

The Sabbath School Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of last year, making the second Sabbath in June. Children's Day, presented their report through Dea. C. F. Thompson, and recommended the adoption of the resolution. Report accepted and adopted, as presented. Its main recommendations were as follows:

(1.) It commended "to the churches that they furnish for their respective schools the means necessary for the running expenses, so that the contributions taken in the school may be devoted *strictly to benevolent purposes.*"

(2.) It recommended "to Superintendents that annually the schools be asked to signify to what causes they will contribute in the year that is before them, so that the children may know for what they give their money, and thus, as a matter of course, become interested in the great benevolent enterprises of our time."

(3.) It called earnest attention to the claims and work of the Congregational Publishing Society, and to the appeals of the General Sunday School Secretary, and heartily commended "his suggestions relative to Sunday School Institutes, Superintendents, Unions and other things, which will aid in giving us more thoroughly-fitted and efficient workers and teachers."

(4.) It urged "a larger attendance upon our State and County Sunday School Conventions, and that the Sunday School and its interests have a prominent place in each of our County Conferences."

(5.) It unhesitatingly expressed approval of the resolution submitted last year, as follows:

Resolved, That we recommend that the second Sabbath in June be observed by our churches as Children's Day—the peculiar exercises in each case to be determined by the pleasure of the churches observing the day.

Rev. W. S. Hazen, delegate to the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, reported the discharge of the duty assigned; also Rev. J. H. Babbitt, delegate to the Vermont Baptist Convention.

A letter from Rev. A. M. Cady, delegate from the Vermont Baptist Convention to this body, was read.

On nomination by the President, the following Committees were chosen:

Business Committee—Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Rev. W. S. Hazen, Rev. G. E. Martin.

Devotional Exercises—Rev. A. C. Read, Rev. C. W. Clark, Rev. N. R. Nichols.

Finance Committee—Dea. Joseph Poland, Dea. C. S. Clark, Bro. W. L. Anderson.

Nominating Committee—Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D., Rev. Lawrence Phelps, Rev. N. F. Carter.

Voted that the hours of meeting be as follows: 9 A. M., 2 P. M. and 7.30 P. M. Hours of adjournment, 12 M, and 5 P. M.

A communication from Rev. J. D. Wickham, D. D., was read, inviting the Convention, at its pleasure, to proceed to the cemetery and visit the graves of Rev. Rufus L. Cushman, D. D., and Rev. James Anderson.

The invitation was accepted, and the hour of half past six fixed upon for the service.

The Convention then adjourned.

The Convention proceeded to the cemetery, according to appointment, and in an informal service of address, prayer and singing, under the lead of the President, paid respect to the memory of the deceased.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Hincks, from 2 Tim. 3 : 16, 17.

Rev. W. S. Hazen assisted in the devotional exercises.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported appointment of Rev. R. D. Osgood to lead the prayer meeting to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock, and Rev. W. S. Hazen at 8.30 o'clock.

After further notices by the President, and the Benediction, the meeting adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The devotional meetings were held and conducted, as appointed.

At 9 A. M. the Convention met for business, the President in the chair.

Rev. E. G. Read led in prayer.

The roll was called, and the Minutes were read and approved.

On nomination by the President, the following persons were chosen Committee of Arrangement for next meeting: Rev. E. P. Wild, Rev. T. M. Boss, Rev. J. H. Babbitt.

The report of the Committee on Divorce was called up, and in the absence of the Chairman, President M. H. Buckham, D. D., was presented by Rev. S. W. Dike.

Upon the conclusion of the report, Rev. S. L. Bates offered the following resolution:

That this Convention hereby re-affirm its former opinion in regard to the evils of divorce, and rejoices in the marked progress that has been made in awakening public attention to their gravity. It commends the work of the New England Divorce Reform League as worthy of the confidence and support of all Christians and good citizens, and recommends the formation of a State Divorce Reform Association. It also expresses its opinion that such further legislation should be secured as will tend steadily and surely to reduce the number of divorces, and meanwhile it would urge upon all Christian teachers the great need of continued and frequent instruction of the people in regard to the Family in its nature and sanctity, and with special reference to all those evils that corrupt its purity and weaken its power.

The report and the resolution were adopted.

In the absence of the Treasurer, J. C. Emery, Esq., his report was presented by Dea. Joseph Poland, and is as follows:

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In account with the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont:

1881. DEBIT.

June 15.	To cash on hand, as per report this day.....				$186 28
"	"	Chittenden Conference..	$26	00	
"	"	Windham, balance " ..	3	71	
"	"	Addison " ..	20	87	
"	"	Franklin & Grand Isle " ..	30	21	
18.	"	Essex and Coos " ..	3	72	
22.	"	Orleans " ..	33	90	
July 8.	"	Bennington " ..	27	87	
Sept. 15.	"	Rutland " ..	82	00	
"		First Nat. Bank, Montpelier..	250	00	
Dec. 15.	"	Chittenden Conference.....	14	14	
17.	"	Windham "	30	00	
Feb. 16, '82.	"	Windsor "	66	58	
May 15.	"	Windham "	24	85	
24.	"	Addison "	59	79	—673 64
					$859 92

1881. CREDIT.

June 23.	By Paid 1st National Bank, Montpelier:			
	note	$265	00	
	interest.....	6	62	
Sept. 16.	" J. Poland, printing Minutes ...	246	52	
May 26, '82.	" 1st National Bank, Montpelier:			
	note	250	00	
	interest.....	10	42	
	" Rev. J. H. Babbitt.....	1	76	
June 12.	" Rev. A. W. Wild.....	10	34	
"	" Expense of Treasury	1	35	
"	" Cash to balance	67	91	
				$859 92

I have this day examined the accounts of J. C. Emery, Esq., Treasurer, and find them correct and proper vouchers for each item of expenditure.

J. M. HAVEN, *Auditor.*

Manchester, June 13, 1882.

On account of some discussion which arose relative to the publication of the Year Book, the report was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was laid upon the table:

President—Rev. L. O. Brastow, D. D.

Vice President—Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Secretary—Rev. C. H. Merrill.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. A. W. Wild.

Treasurer—J. C. Emery, Esq.

Trustees—Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., Hon. John A. Page, Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., James W. Hickok, Esq., Rev. C. B. Hulbert, D. D.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Ph. D., J. C. Emery, Esq., Rev. C. W. Thompson, Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. C. C. McIntire, Dea. G. M. Sykes, Rev. H. Fairbanks, Ph. D.

Reporters and Receivers the same as last year, except Lamoille Conference, Rev. A. A. Smith.

Delegates to the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference—Rev. J. H. Hincks. Substitute, Rev. C. W. Thompson.

Delegates to the Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. H. L. Slack. Substitute, Rev. A. Stevens, D. D.

Delegates to the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. Henry W. Jones. Substitute, Rev. S. W. Dike.

Committee on Vermont Chronicle—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D., President M. H. Buckham, D. D., Rev. W. S. Hazen.

Sabbath School Committee—Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. J. H. Babbitt.

In the absence of the Treasurer, J. C. Emery, Esq., Bro. G. W. Scott was chosen to act as treasurer *pro tempore*, to receive money that may be paid into the treasury at this meeting.

At 10 o'clock the Convention adjourned for the meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

At the close of this meeting the Convention re-assembled.

The report of the Committee on the *Vermont Chronicle* was taken up, and presented by Dea. C. F. Thompson. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was taken from the table, and adopted.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The session was opened with singing. Rev. A. B. Lambert, D. D., offered prayer.

The Treasurer of the Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers, J. G. Stimson, Esq., presented the following report, which was accepted and approved:

FAIRBANKS FUND FOR RELIEF OF MINISTERS,

In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

1881. CREDIT.

June 16.	By bal. in Treasury, as per Auditors' Report...		$971 75
July 1.	" interest on $1500 invested in Granger farm..		90 00
Oct. 9.	" " J. S. Blood's notes.....		66 00
Nov. 15.	" 6 months' interest on $6000 invested in Minn.		240 00
16.	" Contributions from church in Peacham.....		12 63
22.	" interest on Thomas & Wm. Kennedy notes..		54 00
Jan. 26, '82.	6 months' interest on investments in Minn...		240 00
Apr. 1.	" interest on Curtis Parkhurst's notes.....		36 00
" "	" Samuel Phelps' notes.....		24 00
" "	" Henry Boardman's agreement...		24 00
" "	" J. Bass's note.....		180 00
30.	" " Joseph Somerville's note.....		180 00
			$2118 38

1881. DEBIT.

June 18, to June, '82.	Appropriations to ten beneficiaries	$1150 00
June, '82.	Expenses one year.....	6 42
June 13, '82.	Balance in Treasury.....	961 96
		$2118 38

J. G. STIMSON.

I have examined the statements of your Treasurer, and find vouchers for each appropriation as stated, the balance in his hands of nine hundred sixty-one dollars and ninety-six cents.

J. M. HAVEN, *Auditor.*

The Committee of Arrangements reported the following order of addresses for the session this evening:

Rev. Lewis Grout, on the work of the A. M. A., Rev. M. M. Cutter, the Am. Tract Society, Rev. Asa Bullard, Sabbath School Work, 15 minutes each; Rev. L. H. Cobb., D. D., Am. Cong. Union, and A. H. M. S., 30 minutes; Rev. C. C. McIntire, A. B. C. F. M., 15 minutes.

Report adopted.

After singing, the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. A. W. Wild, presented his annual report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes of the Convention.

After singing again, the Convention listened to an essay by Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., on "The Privileges of Children under the Covenant."

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported appointments for the Communion service to-morrow afternoon; also the appointment of Rev. A. D. Barber to lead the prayer-meeting to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock, and Rev. W. N. Bacon, at 8.30 o'clock.

The Business Committee reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That as a Convention we express our cordial sympathy with Rev. Dr. Stevens in the severe trial to which he has been subjected for doing his duty, endeavoring, as a member of a Congregational Association, to promote the purity of the ministry, and our congratulations that in fighting our battle he has been at last completely successful.

Also the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention the Christian sentiment of the State should give itself active expression in aiming to secure such legislation, and the selection of such officials, State and local, as shall promote the best interests of society, such as temperance, the stability and purity of the family and popular education, and that it should make itself felt in opposing any selfish combinations which aim to make of public office private spoils, or to interfere with the freedom of the people in choosing the fittest men to fill positions of public honor and responsibility.

Resolved, Also, that we give our cordial sympathy and approval to all well-considered efforts to improve the purity and efficiency of the national civil service.

The Treasurer of the Fairbanks Board of Education presented his report, which was accepted and approved, and is as follows:

The Fairbanks Education Fund has been recently increased by $558.83 from the estate of Hon. Ephraim Paddock, of St. Johnsbury, who directed that a small annual payment should be made to Rev. W. W. Thayer, and the residue, in the event of Mr. Thayer's death, should be added to this fund. The Board direct that $41.17 of the unexpended income be added to the principal, making the whole amount invested $10,600.

During the past year six students have been aided. No new one has applied, and of those on the list one or two will not probably apply again. The income has not been expended, and if pastors know young men who ought to enter the ministry, the fund is available for their assistance.

The Treasurer charges himself with		
Amount on hand June 1, 1881	$826 45	
Interest on investments	748 15	
		$1574 60
And credits himself with		
Paid orders of students aided	$525 00	
Added to income and invested	41 17	
Balance on hand May 31, 1882	1008 43	
		$1574 60

HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treas. for the Board.*

The above account was reported as having been audited in due form and found correct.

A communication from Rev. J. W. Burgin, delegate to the body, expressing the Christian salutations of the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, was read.

The Business Committee made a report, recommending that the resolutions adopted by this body at its meeting in 1880, relative to the running of railway trains on the Sabbath, be re-affirmed.

The report was adopted, and the resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, 1, That we, the General Convention of the Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, earnestly deprecate any encroachment upon the sanctity of the Sabbath by the running of railway trains upon that day within the State, and respectfully petition our Legislature to secure our protection from the same by all suitable legislation.

Resolved, 2, That we appoint the Hon. ex-Gov. Fairbanks to present the subject to the Legislature at the next Session, in such manner as he shall deem to be best.

After prayer by Rev. A. C. Read, the Convention adjourned.

EVENING SESSION

Opened with singing by the choir, and prayer by Rev. W. W. Winchester.

The following causes were represented in addresses according to appointment:

American Missionary Association, by Rev. Lewis Grout.

American Tract Society, by Rev. M. M. Cutter, of the New England Branch.

Sabbath School Work, by Rev. Asa Bullard.

Am. Cong. Union and A. H. M. S., by Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D.

A. B. C. F. M., by Rev. C. C. McIntire.

The exercises were interspersed with singing, and after notices, closed with the Benediction by Rev. A. C. Read.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The devotional meetings were held as appointed.

The business session was opened with prayer by J. G. Stimson, Esq. The roll was called, and the Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting made the following report, which was adopted:

Place—Newport.

Preacher—Rev. C. W. Thompson. Alternate, Rev. Wm. S. Hazen.

Essay—The Gift of the Holy Ghost, Rev. C. H. Merrill. Alternate, Rev. V. M. Hardy.

Discussion—Is any change in, or departure from, the present methods of educating men for the ministry desirable? Rev. Allen Clark, Rev. H. L. Slack. Alternates, Rev. N. F. Carter, Rev. G. E. Martin.

The Business Committee, in response to a communication from President Buckham, setting forth the needs and claims of the Mary Fletcher Hospital, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

To those in our churches whose hearts the Lord may incline to contribute for relieving the sick and suffering, we cordially commend the Mary Fletcher Hospital at Burlington, as well organized and prepared to use economically any gifts made to this object.

The Business Committee also presented the following, which were adopted:

That we hereby express our hearty thanks to this Church and the people of Manchester for their cordial reception and generous

hospitality, to the choir for their excellent service, and to the railroads which have kindly favored us with reduction of fare.

The Business Committee recommend the publishing of two thousand copies of the Minutes for the current year, and that Rev. J. H. Babbitt, the Corresponding Secretary and Scribe, be the Committee to print the Minutes.

Adopted.

Voted, that these persons be the Committee for the purpose named.

The Business Committee reported a resolution recommending that such change be made in the order of exercises as shall bring the Communion Service on Tuesday evening after the sermon.

Voted, that it lie upon the table and be in the hands of the Committee of Arrangements for next year.

The report of the Treasurer of the Convention was then taken from the table, and accepted and approved.

The discussion for the hour was introduced by the appointees, Rev. S. L. Bates and Rev. J. K. Williams. Topic, "Are the Churches and the Ministry responsible for the present laxity in Sabbath observance and in practical morals?"

The Finance Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Congregational Convention of Vermont:

Your Committee find there are 19,951 members of churches in the State as per last year's minutes, and estimate that it will require a tax of three cents per capita, the same as last year, to raise the amount necessary to pay the expenses for the ensuing year. We have, therefore, recommended that the following sums be assessed upon the various conferences:

Addison Conference	$59 82
Bennington "	33 66
Caledonia "	63 93
Chittenden "	53 49
Essex "	5 64
Franklin & Grand Isle Conference	36 03
Lamoille "	15 12
Orange "	62 55
Orleans "	40 41
Rutland "	70 41
Washington "	34 92
Windham "	53 46
Windsor "	69 09
	$598 53

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. S. CLARK,
W. L. ANDERSON, } *Committee.*

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made final report of the following persons to officiate at the Communion Service this afternoon: Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., and Rev. R. D. Osgood, assisted by Deacons C. S. Clark, H. C. Rumsey, Samuel James and G. M. Sykes.

The records of the day were read and approved, and the Scribe was authorized to complete the minutes of the Convention.

After prayer by Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., the Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, according to appointment.

The Convention then stood adjourned, *sine die*.

ISAAC JENNINGS, *President*.

L. D. MEARS, *Scribe*.
G. M. SYKES, *Assistant Scribe*.

REPORT

OF THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Five names have been taken by death from our ministerial roll within the year, viz.: Revs. C. E. Ferrin, D. D., Jeremiah Glines, Jonathan Clement, D. D., James Anderson and William W. Thayer. Only the first-named, however, was in active pastoral service. The other four had already served their generation in a faithful and fruitful ministry, and were waiting upon the border land for the summons to their reward. To these should be added Revs. Geo. W. Barrows, Daniel Pulsifer, Royal A. Avery, Simeon Parmalee, D. D., Buel W. Smith, Amzi B. Emmons, Henry Morris and Heman Rood, D. D., names well known as once enrolled in the service of the Vermont Churches; also Henry B. Hooker, D. D., Harvey M. Stone and Jas. P. Kimball, natives of the State, all of whom have died since the last meeting of the Convention.

Of these sixteen, one had passed his hundredth year, another was upwards of ninety, five others had passed fourscore, and four were between seventy and eighty, while only one was less than fifty years of age, giving the remarkable average of seventy-four years, eight months and twenty days.

To pause here in memory of the example and service of these honored dead would seem a tribute of respect most worthy, and a fitting stimulus to the hopes and devotion of us who remain. And no less, also, would it be consonant with the emotions awakened by the numbering of their names. But the hour forbids. An appropriate record accompanying this report is prepared for a permanent place in the Minutes of the Convention.

The number of churches upon the roll, Dec. 31, 1881, was the same as the previous year, one hundred and ninety-seven. A new Welsh Congregational Church, however, of twenty-three members, was organized during the year at Pawlet, and reported in connection with the Welsh Association of New York: but as yet it has formed no connection with any of our Conferences. Fifty-three of these churches

have settled pastors, ninety-four acting pastors, nineteen are otherwise supplied, and thirty-one are vacant. This is a decrease from the previous year of four churches with pastors, and three with acting pastors, and a corresponding increase of seven in the number of vacant churches. The number of settled pastors is the smallest reported from our churches for more than fifty years. Fifty years ago, with only ten more churches than are now upon the list, the number of pastors was more than twice as great; while in fifteen years (since 1867) the number has diminished from eighty-one to fifty-three.

The number of ministers reported is one hundred and seventy-four, with eleven licentiates, a reduction of five in the available ministerial force of the churches during 1881. Several changes have taken place since the close of the statistical year, which will be noted further on in this report, and appear in the tables for 1882.

Eight churches upon the roll this year fail of sufficient signs of life to answer to their names. They are four in Windham, two in Addison, and one each in Washington and Windsor Conferences. Four of them have long been unreported, one even for a period of fourteen years. We do not know that they are dead, and we do not desire to announce prematurely their decease. Rather do we hope that despite all appearances, some vital spark may yet remain to be kindled anew hereafter.

One hundred and eighty-nine churches report a membership of nineteen thousand six hundred and twenty-three, of which the non-residents number three thousand seven hundred and eighteen, or about nineteen per cent. Compared with the numbers reported by the same churches last year there is a loss of one hundred and seventy-three in aggregate membership, and an increase of sixty-three absentees, or practically a loss of two hundred and thirty-six active members to these churches. The admissions during the year were three hundred and eighty-nine by profession, and two hundred and ninety by letter; total, six hundred and seventy-nine. The removals were three hundred and sixty-two by death, three hundred and thirty-five by dismission, and twenty-eight by discipline; total, seven hundred and twenty-five, a net loss of forty-six. Not for twenty years have the admissions to our churches been so small as during 1881. In one hundred and five churches there were no additions by profession. Six Conferences show a net gain of seventy-seven, and seven Conferences a net loss of one hundred and twenty-one. The largest gains are twenty-eight in Bennington and twenty-one in Orleans, and the greatest losses fifty-four in Addison, and forty-one in Orange Conferences.

The number of baptisms in 1881 were two hundred and fifty-one adult and one hundred and seventy-one infant. Upon the basis suggested last year this is a continued decrease in the proportion of infant baptisms to resident membership, but a slight advance in the ratio of infant baptisms to the additions by profession to the churches. It is a fact not a little suggestive that only sixty-three churches report any infant baptisms, while sixteen report fifty-five per cent. of the whole number; so that in more than two-thirds of our churches apparently, household baptism has fallen into disuse.

The attendance upon public worship, as shown in the item of average congregations, is this year less than last year, as last year it was less than the year previous. In three years the diminution has been a little over seventeen hundred. This decrease, although scarcely perceptible probably from year to year in individual congregations, and perhaps overbalanced by an increase in some instances, is yet in the aggregate sufficient to reveal a drift or tendency, symptomatic at least of causes which should awaken apprehension. The dropping out in three years of a congregation of seventeen hundred persons, or nearly eight per cent. of the whole number of regular attendants upon the services of the sanctuary, is a fact of no small and sad significance in our estimate of the spiritual condition of the churches. Against this, however, is the correlative fact, taking the same churches reporting both years, that the number of families belonging to the parishes, *i. e.*, those presumably reached in some degree by church ministrations, even if not connected with the congregations, is a slight advance upon that of the previous year.

With reference to Sunday-schools the usual reports provided for by our schedule have been obtained, from which are gathered the following facts: Whole number of schools reported, one hundred and seventy-nine; number of members enrolled, twenty-one thousand three hundred and thirty-seven. In one hundred and seventy-five of these schools reporting in both 1880 and 1881 there is a loss in membership the last year of over one per cent. There is also a decrease in the ratio of average attendance to total membership in those schools which report both; while the ratio of members under twenty years of age to the whole number has slightly increased.

The amount of the benevolent contributions of the churches for 1881 was forty-three thousand eight hundred and nine dollars and twenty-one cents, an increase of nine and one-third per cent. over those for 1880. This increase, however, was due to two or three large individual donations, particularly to the cause of education, and

not to the credit of the benevolence of the churches as such. For ıe same reason the proportion given to the different objects varies ›mewhat from last year, being to Foreign Missions thirty-four per ɜnt., to Home Missions twenty-three per cent., to the American Mis-onary Association eleven per cent., to Education and Colleges a action over fourteen per cent., to the Congregational Union two and ne-half per cent., to the Sabbath School and Publishing Society less ıan one-third of one per cent. (eleven churches instead of five last ɜar contributing to this cause), and to all other charities fifteen per ɜnt.

It appears from the tables that twenty-six churches have made no ›ntributions, and six others contribute less than $10 each. These, ith eight unreported, make forty churches, or one-fifth the whole ımber, with eight and one-third per cent. of the resident member-ıip, which have given practically nothing to benevolence. And some re among them whose ability is unquestioned, and whose record here-›fore has been high. The average of the whole amount to the re-ıaining membership is $3 per member, and had the delinquent churches ›ntributed in the same proportion, nearly $4000 would have been ıdded to the amount. Further, thirteen churches, or less than seven er cent. of the whole number, with less than twenty per cent. of the hole membership, contribute at the rate of $9 per member, or sixty-›ur and one-half per cent. of the whole amount; while the remainder, ne hundred and forty-four churches, contribute only $1.22 per mem-er. Had the whole membership contributed at the larger rate, the ggregate of contributions would have been nearly three and one-half mes as large as it is, and had those churches not contributing given ven at the smaller rate, more than $1600 would have been added to ıe Lord's Treasury.

Scarcely half a dozen years have passed since in our annual gath-ring the prominent theme of thought was revival. From almost very section of the State came the report of rejoicing over the in-athering of precious sheaves, and those churches were the exception hich had not felt in some degree the quickening of new activities. n five years, 1875–'79 inclusive, our churches received an average ıet gain in membership of over seven hundred each year; the Sab-ath Schools and congregations showed a steady increase, and in gen-ral the evidences of aggressive advance, as furnished by statistics, ere encouraging to a very high degree. Our satisfaction was undis-uised. We face the reverse of the picture to-day. A refluent wave as set back upon the churches; membership diminishes, and the

former signs of growth in the ordinary channels of consecrated activity give place to the painful evidences of retrogression. In 1880, after five years of such hopeful gain, the churches had scarcely held their own the previous year. In 1881 the scale had turned, and in 1882 its downward movement is still accelerated. It is a time of test and trial, and earnest souls are crying out, "How long, O Lord, how long?" But the times and seasons are with the Lord, whose hand is not shortened that it cannot save. He is unchanging and his promise sure. Turning, therefore, unto Him, and with the burden of His kingdom laid upon their souls by the Holy Ghost, His people have but now to take humbly the lesson He is teaching, and rouse themselves to meet anew the conditions of success. Happily there are already some indications of improvement in spiritual condition in some of the churches. Since the close of the statistical year, to the review of which this report has thus far been confined, there have come from a few localities tidings again, if not of revival, at least of such manifest increase of interest, and tokens of the Holy Spirit's presence, as to relieve somewhat the dark shadings of the picture, and awaken the hope that when the fruits of another year shall be tabulated the backward tendency of the last three years will be found reversed.

It should be borne in mind that our statistical year coincides with the calendar year, while the Convention year covers only seven months of the former period with five months of the following year. Our view, therefore, is necessarily somewhat prospective.

And passing over now the bare statistical line, the facts indicative of the condition of the churches will appear in individual relief and detail by the reports from the several Conferences in order. These Conference reports are intended to present a grouping of all essential facts around the general centers of revival interest, relative attendance to the preaching and study of the Word, benevolence, state of public morals as affected by the church, and ministerial changes, and churches are individualized only as presenting something of common interest in one or more of these directions.

Addison Conference

reports no revival interest in any of the churches during the year. Shoreham, however, has had a year of good work, some cases of conversion and increased attendance upon religious services. Cornwall reports two or three hopeful conversions. The acting pastor writes. "An absorbing devotion to worldly interests attending the present agricultural prosperity seems to sap the strength of piety, and induce

spiritual apathy and sloth on the part of the members of our church. . . . . Death gradually diminishes the number of church-goers among our population, for the places of those who depart are generally taken by those who do not frequent our churches." This picture, we are persuaded, is representative not of this church alone.

In New Haven there was some revival interest during the week of prayer, but no very tangible results. The attendance upon public worship has been about the same as in former years, while the Sabbath School has somewhat increased in numbers and interest. Orwell reports attendance upon the preaching of the word, "never better," and Sunday School in good healthy condition. Vergennes has held its ground well during the year, though not having made any very perceptible advance. Sunday School attendance increased.

In benevolent contributions this Conference has fallen far behind its usual record. Not since 1870 have the figures of its report been so small. One cause for this is found in the fact that several of the churches were without pastoral oversight a portion of the year. Orwell reports nothing for benevolence; Middlebury, New Haven and Bridport show a falling off, while Vergennes and Weybridge alone have made any considerable advance. In Vergennes there appears to have been a new awakening of interest in this direction in both the church and Sunday School. As to public morals no special report is made from this Conference. There has been an unusual amount of temperance agitation in the County during the year. Some efficient work has been done, and the law is more than ever a terror to evil doers. The church in Middlebury has installed her seventh pastor during the year; Bridport, New Haven and Salisbury have secured acting pastors; Ripton has a temporary supply; Whiting is vacant, and Bristol has abandoned all meetings as a church, its few remaining members worshipping with other denominations. In

Bennington Conference,

Bennington 2d church, North Bennington and Manchester have gathered considerable fruits in membership from the revival interest reported one year ago. In each of these places the young people's prayer-meetings have been well sustained and fruitful. These churches have also felt the influence of this quickening in financial and reformatory ways. No revival interest is reported from the other churches in the Conference, and but few additions. The attendance on public worship on the whole has diminished. An encouraging advance has been made in benevolent contributions. An item from North Ben-

nington is of special interest, the contribution by a society of little girls of $25 to the Woman's Board. Several of the churches report very favorably respecting the temperance reform. In some places the prohibitory law is firmly enforced, and in others effort is being made to reach that point. "There can be no doubt," says the reporter, "that a united, systematic effort of the churches would be welcomed by other temperance people, and the traffic would be stopped." Ministerial changes have taken place at East Arlington and North Pownal, which is left vacant, while the acting pastor at East Dorset will close his labors in July, and the pastor at Bennington 2d, has just resigned to accept a call elsewhere. Sandgate is still vacant, and, although the smallest church in the sisterhood, has yet now lived to pass its hundredth year.

Forty years ago (in Sept. 1842), the Convention last met with the church in Manchester. Rev. Richard C. Hand, then of Danville, but afterwards of Bennington, was the preacher of the opening sermon from the answer of Nehemiah to the challenge of Sanballat—Neh. 6 : 3—and was chosen Moderator of the Session. The interval has been one of what varied and instructive history! Four of the churches now upon the roll of the Conference have been formed within that period ; all the pastorates then existing have long since terminated, and others following have begun and ended, and their incumbents been removed from earthly labor. The two oldest pastors now in the Conference commenced respectively their labors eleven and fourteen years later, and have seen both the beginning and end of how many other pastorates, not only in the County but the whole State! The names of Jackson, Wilson, Hooker, Abbott, Plumb, Hand, Loomis, Hudson, Hubbard, Cushman, Anderson and others, are recalled from among the dead with fragrant memory, and under such a cloud of witnesses the impression of the hour is intense as we stand here today. Let us thank God and take courage in the testimony of what He has wrought in and for His people, and all renew our diligence in the honorable service to which we are called.

There are no revivals to note in the churches of

Caledonia Conference,

yet in a part of them there has been some quickening of religious interest, and in most a general report of good attention to the preached word, and the study of the same in the Sabbath School. While some of the churches have made some gains in membership, others have

lost, but on the whole the gains have slightly outnumbered the losses. The church in Barnet has done well that, while their stated supply the past year has not lived with them, they have yet maintained their prayer-meeting, kept up interest in the Sabbath School and Sabbath service, made special effort in the temperance work, and now have the prospect of a supply to be with them soon for a year. The small church in East Burke, for some time past deprived of the means of grace, is now supplied on Sabbath forenoon by the acting pastor at Lyndonville. The church at McIndoes has changed its acting pastor, and reports larger attendance since January on the regular service, and increased interest in the Sabbath School. Cabot, from which its faithful pastor was dismissed during the year, is happy in having again an earnest minister who is doing enlarged and vigorous work. Lack of harmony and of co-operation in the church at East Hardwick has resulted in the dismission of its pastor, though it reports the completion of its handsome memorial chapel, and no diminution in attendance upon its regular services. The little church in Kirby, formed five years ago, reports the quickening of a few in its prayer-meetings, and an increase of benevolent contributions of more than thirty-seven and one-half per cent. Lyndonville appears to be in an encouraging state of prosperity, and with continued judicious cultivation the field is one of the most promising for the future. It has provided for the entire liquidation of a debt of $3500, which has burdened it from the beginning, and reports a constant increase of attendance upon public service. Peacham has again dismissed its pastor, but at length secured an acting pastor for a year. The action of this church, in view of the disturbance caused by the preaching of an unevangelical sermon in its pulpit in the absence of the pastor, and the action of the Council in sustaining the church, as well as in their emphatic caution against the admission to the pulpit of men of well-known unevangelical views, are matters of importance and timely record to all our churches. St. Johnsbury, 1st, loses its acting pastor after four years of service. St. Johnsbury, North, is in its normal, healthy condition. Its usually large benevolent contributions have fallen behind somewhat. Since January ten persons, mostly young people, and all from the Sabbath School, have been received on profession, and twelve more by letter. "The Boys' Missionary Society," writes the pastor, "takes its place among our contributing organizations this year, and seems to have inaugurated a good work in interesting the little men practically in Missions." St. Johnsbury, South, still holds its own in its large share in Christian work and Christian benevolence. The termination of sev-

eral processes of discipline, in some cases long continued, though somewhat depressing the church, has evidently not diminished its working efficiency. With the beginning of the year considerable religious interest was manifested by those hitherto impenitent, and doubtless had the church been alive to its opportunity, it might have developed into a marked revival. There were several conversions and other cases of such interest as give hope of a final issue in a decidedly religious life. The church in Waterford has changed its acting pastor, and provision is made for service for the season at the Upper Falls. From

CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE

the report is not at all encouraging in the way of progress. Most of the churches are merely holding on their way with little increase. The contributions to benevolence have considerably advanced, and the numbers enrolled in the Sabbath School are also slightly larger than last year. Charlotte is without a pastor, but reported in good working condition. At Hinesburgh there has been a small degree of revival interest, and at the 2d church in Jericho an acting pastor has been secured. From the three churches in

ESSEX CONFERENCE

nothing of special interest is reported. The church of Granby and Victory is small and feeble, and gradually diminishing, yet earnest and willing in its effort to sustain the ordinances, and its influence upon the public morals is manifest. Guildhall, after being without preaching for some time, yet sustaining its Sabbath School, and most of the time a reading service, has now secured a permanent supply. Lunenburgh reports good attendance at Sabbath service and Sunday School. The statistics of

FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE

give sad evidence of spiritual decline. Only five of its twelve churches report any additions during 1881, and in only two of these did the additions exceed the removals. Benevolent contributions have perceptibly diminished, as also the figures indicating attendance upon public worship and Sabbath School. Particularly, at Alburgh the attendance on public worship has not been equal to past years. The Sabbath School, however, has maintained its interest, and there has been a marked increase in the contributions to benevolence, a Ladies' Missionary Society having been a great agency in the increase. Bakersfield reports some instances of conversion, and ladies doing efficient

work in both a missionary and a temperance organization. East Berkshire a few conversions and a good state of public morals. At Enosburgh the year, on the whole, has been a prosperous one to the church; some increase of spirituality evident. This church, however, is afflicted in the loss of two of its most prominent members by death—one a man of large means and large benevolence, the largest contributor to the support of the church. At Fairfield there has been only occasional preaching, and no contribution or organized Christian work in any form. The church is almost extinct. From Georgia there is little of interest. "The great want," writes the acting pastor, "is a more active spirituality." From St. Albans the report is, no revival interest, but attention to preaching and Bible study good. The spirit of benevolence is somewhat quickened by the founding of the "Warner Home," an institution likely in the future to provoke more abundantly to good works. In public morals, intemperance and licentiousness are fearfully prevalent. "A vigorous temperance movement developed the fact," says the pastor, "that public sentiment will not sustain any well-disposed portion of our citizens in stern measures. Repression gets only just so far when itself in turn is repressed." From Montgomery the report is, a few conversions, and the church quickened by means of fellowship meetings in January; church edifice also repaired. Swanton speaks of increased attendance on public worship. Temperance work has been done with good results during the last few months. The prospects of the church are better than heretofore, both financially and spiritually. In

LAMOILLE CONFERENCE

there are but two pastors and two acting pastors, only one-half of its churches being manned. There is a falling off both in congregations and Sabbath Schools, and also a slight reduction in contributions. The admissions to the churches, however, slightly exceed the removals. The only items of interest are, at Hydepark rather increasing religious interest, with three additions by profession to the church, and an effort being made to secure preaching another year; at North Hydepark preaching continued through the year, a good Sabbath School and fair congregations; at Johnson more earnest attention to the Word, benevolent contributions somewhat increased, and the general tone of public morals manifestly rising under the influence of the Gospel; at Morrisville increase of interest and numbers in Sabbath School, also an advance in benevolence and increased activity in temperance work; at Stowe the removal of the acting pastor in Septem-

ber, since which Sabbath services have been regularly sustained, though with only occasional preaching; a licentiate from Yale Seminary, however, is engaged to supply the church for a year, beginning with the present month; at Waterville, the church uniting with the Methodists in worship, has had no preaching, taken no collections, and done no Sabbath School work as a Congregational church the past year; at Wolcott a decrease in contributions, but repairs and improvements in house of worship to the amount of $500. The twenty-two churches of

ORANGE CONFERENCE

presents less that is cheering than could be hoped. "Yet," says the reporter, "they are not only alive at the present time, but on the whole they present a somewhat improved state above former years. There seems to be generally a more settled determination to hold on." In the school at Randolph there was something of revival during the winter, and at West Randolph some sinners were led to Christ in a quiet way. At East Braintree, also, several were converted or reclaimed. At Vershire interest was manifest in the early winter in connection with the labors of an evangelist, which continued in the months following, and as a result several are expected soon to unite with the church. At Corinth and Strafford there has been some quickening of the churches and a few conversions, and some indications of renewed spiritual life also at Thetford. In attention to the preaching and study of the Word the reports from Strafford, Orange, West Randolph, Corinth, Wells River, the two churches in Brookfield and Tunbridge are particularly encouraging. The congregations at Bradford and Newbury have been somewhat diminished by removals, and that at Newbury especially by deaths. The contributions to benevolence in this Conference are about $100 in advance of last year. The influence of the Woman's Missionary Societies in the churches is very stimulating and helpful. At Newbury a Woman's Home Missionary organization has been formed within the year which has awakened a good deal of interest, without detracting in the least from the interest in the Foreign Missionary organization previously existing. In matters of temperance and reform the tenor of the report shows the influence of the churches to be indirect rather than direct. Very few of the outside organizations show any positive results, and it is evident that the churches are not up to their privilege and duty in this work. Ministerial changes have not been numerous the past year. A pastor has been installed at Bradford. Thetford

and Braintree have secured acting pastors. The two churches in Brookfield, after a separation of more than thirty years, are now served by the same acting pastor. Post Mills, Orange and North Thetford are left vacant, and the church in Fairlee is supplied by the pastor at Bradford.

Orleans Conference.

There is a marked gain in membership, congregations and Sabbath Schools, with a decrease quite as marked in contributions. This is the Conference in some parts of which the greatest encouragement of the year is found. The churches in Craftsbury and Albany have united in securing and supporting a minister. Greensboro has revived its strength and hope under the leading of a new acting pastor, who reports a few interesting conversions. Glover also has a new minister, and is comforted in its loss of a faithful pastor last year by death. Barton reports no revival interest, but a decidedly revived condition. On account of debt this church takes the ground that it ought not at present to contribute largely to outside benevolence. The pastor's absence for half the year affected somewhat the prosperity of the church, yet it has held its own. At Irasburgh a quickening followed the week of prayer, and some conversions, among them a man past his threescore and ten. There is also a decided gain in attendance on Sabbath service and in contributions. At Brownington a quiet religious interest began with the week of prayer, continuing several months, and bringing the fruit of upwards of twenty hopeful conversions, mostly young people. This was regarded as a signal blessing upon the self denial of the church last year in repairing their house of worship. Progress is seen also at Barton Landing most plainly "in the separation of the church from the world on questions relating to the moral training of the youth." This double church has during the year added $100 to the minister's salary, besides increasing its benevolent contributions. At Charleston during the winter some revival interest appeared in connection with union meetings held by an evangelist. The church was quickened, and a few persons were hopefully converted. The Sabbath School suffers for the want of an efficient Superintendent, and the church loses its acting pastor after June 1st. The church in Morgan is also left without a supply by the departure of the same. At Island Pond several have professed faith in Christ, and there seems a little strengthening of the hold which the church has upon the community. The ladies are especially to be commended for benevolent work. The church in Holland has enjoyed a revival, quiet, genuine and delightful in its results. About thirty appear to

have been converted. Sixteen have already joined the church, and others have signified their intention of doing so. Derby has also been refreshed. Twelve persons have lately been received to the church, the other churches in the place also sharing in the ingathering. The evangelist who labored in Charleston, Holland and Derby also spent three weeks in Newport in the early spring. The way had been prepared, and the result of his labors, in connection with special work on the part of the church and the Young Men's Christian Association, was a deep, quiet, powerful work of grace which spread through the community, and continues till the present time. Thirty or more conversions are reported, and a large accession to the church is expected. This church is constantly increasing in membership and power, the congregation and Sabbath School having been larger since January than ever before. A commodious vestry has been added to its accommodations during the year, a work manifestly blessed of God. The church in Coventry has again changed ministers. North Troy tells of a quiet growth in grace, with increased interest in Sabbath services. The pastor of this church also has charge of the church at Troy, where new life in Christian work seems to be developing. From the other churches in the county nothing worthy of note is reported. The reporter adds in conclusion, "One thing is brought out prominently in the last year's record of this Conference, the fact that blessing is sure to follow all persistent, faithful labor for Christ, in other words, the importance of holding on."

RUTLAND CONFERENCE

shows slight gain in Sabbath Schools, but decrease in congregations, church membership and contributions. There has been nothing like revival interest in any of the churches, and yet an "improved undertone" in many places is now thought to be discoverable. There seems to have come a reaction from the activity and unusual harvesting of three or four years ago, which it is hoped has passed its lowest point. Hubbardton rejoices in having again secured a minister. Castleton has dismissed its pastor, and secured an acting pastor. Pawlet is again unsupplied. Brandon, Clarendon and Rutland report somewhat increased attendance and interest in public worship and the Sabbath School. Poultney is "looking up a little." With some outside help this church has paid a debt of $500, and has on hand the nucleus of a fund to repair its church edifice and parsonage. The acting pastor writes, "It is sad to think of the present condition of this church, and of what it once was. Years ago, and for many years

together, the average congregation was five hundred, now we frequently have less than fifty. Whole neighborhoods that were once Protestant are now Catholic. And this state of things is not confined to Poultney."

There is nothing specially noteworthy in the temperance work in this Conference during the year. The reporter says, "There is greatly needed in all our chnrches such a baptism as will result in holy living, diligent and helpful, as well as prayerful work." In

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

there has been a slight loss in church membership, a considerable decrease of members in the Sabbath School, and an increase somewhat in contributions. There have been more ministerial changes during the last year than for several years. One pastor has died, one been dismissed, one installed, and two acting pastors have left their fields. Three churches are now vacant, though one of these is to be supplied by a student through the summer. Two church members in the Conference have been ordained as evangelists to go to the frontier, one to Arizona and the other to Dakota. At Barre a pastor has been installed, and the condition of things is hopeful. There is evident a steady and healthful growth. Duxbury, supplied by a Methodist, is seriously affected by Spiritualism. There is increased attention, however, to the study of God's Word. Marshfield has dismissed its pastor, and feels discouraged, but not entirely without hope. Montpelier reports two young men who entered the church the past year as studying for the ministry, making four members now having this in view, two to enter college this year and two subsequently. There was some quickening of Christians at Northfield during the winter. An accumulating debt upon the society has been cancelled, and the Sabbath congregations have been larger than for many years, also benevolent contributions. Plainfield has lost its pastor by death, but has secured an acting pastor, who it is hoped will soon be installed. Sabbath School and congregation have increased, and there is revived interest in Christian work. There has been an earnest aggressive movement against intemperance, which has borne good fruit. Roxbury has been without a minister a large part of the year, and the outlook has been gloomy, but with a new minister recently secured better things are hoped for. There have been some conversions at Waitsfield since the year began, and some additions to the church. An increase is reported in Sabbath School and congregation, and an advance in temperance work and sentiment. Woodbury has had no resident

minister since September, and preaching since then only once in two weeks, with some loss of interest. The reports from Waterbury and Worcester show no material change since last year.

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seems to be taking a deeper and more watchful interest in the welfare of her feeble churches. Three of her churches report considerable revival interest, and increase of membership. In Dummerston three fourths of the families within the bounds of the parish are represented in the congregation. The church in Marlboro, supplied for several years by Methodist preaching, and reduced to eight members, has enjoyed a refreshing beginning under the labors of an evangelist. The church has been reorganized with eighteen members, an acting pastor secured, and it now has a good congregation, an interesting Sabbath School, and makes monthly missionary contributions. Putney installed its pastor in September, and reports increasing congregation and Sabbath School. Saxton's River was vacant from October until April. It has now, however, by God's blessing upon the earnest efforts of the ladies, cancelled a debt of $1200, and the prospects for the future are encouraging. Cambridgeport is vacant, but holds a union Sabbath School with the Methodists. Westminster, after depending upon supplies for several years, has called, and is soon to ordain, a pastor. Wilmington has been revived, has dissolved its connection with the Methodists, secured an acting pastor, and received fifteen to membership upon profession, with the prospect of the coming of others soon. The parsonage also and church edifice have been repaired. South Wardsboro is vacant, but to be supplied a few months by the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society. West Brattleboro has received several additions.

The recent final decision in civil court of the case of libel against one of our oldest and most revered pastors, a case of deepest interest to all the churches on account of the principles involved, should be noticed with gratitude. From the twenty-four churches of

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there are no reports of revival interest. Increased interest in the study of the Word and attention to preaching are reported from several. Quechee, Royalton, Stockbridge and Weston mention special interest and increase in the Sabbath School. As compared with last year Springfield and Woodstock have largely increased their contributions to benevolence by legacies and individual gifts to special objects, thus

more than doubling their average annual contributions, and giving eighty-three per cent. of the total contributions of the Conference. There is also a gain in ten other churches, balanced by a loss in eight as compared with last year.

As to public morals and reform, Pittsfield reports intemperance and Sabbath breaking on the increase. Sharon refers to the low condition of morals outside the church; while Springfield and South Royalton speak, the one of "healthful influence," and the other of "special interest in the temperance cause."

The items of ministerial change are, both the dismission and ordination of a pastor at Woodstock; ordination of a pastor at Ludlow; dismission of a pastor at both Hartland and Weston, the former being left vacant; the closing of acting pastorates at Pittsfield and Windsor, the latter securing a new acting pastor after months of vacancy, and the former uniting with Sherburne for a supply; also the securing of an acting pastor at Rochester, reported vacant last year. Bethel and Pomfret also are now vacant, and "Plymouth and Weathersfield East are practically extinct," says the reporter. Rochester and Pittsfield report repairs on their church edifices; West Hartford the securing of a parsonage without debt; Quechee the payment of a long-standing debt upon its parsonage; South Royalton the securing of a pipe organ; Ludlow and Chester considerable additions to parish and Sabbath School libraries; Ludlow also a very encouraging missionary work at Tyson Furnace; Springfield and Woodstock the celebration of their centennials, and Royalton the loss of one-third its congregation within three years by death and removal.

Brethren, here ends again the annual review of our Mountain Zion. The gathering and grouping of the facts of the year's history is profoundly suggestive, revealing both fruits and failures. As we go down from this high place of observation, shall it be to carry more faith and prayer and vigorous devotion to the work in our respective fields, that when we come again to "mark her bulwarks and tell her towers," the story may be of the more evident and abundant blessing of the Master upon our labors? A. W. WILD, *Cor. Sec.*

OBITUARY NOTICES.

. Rev. JAMES ANDERSON, the youngest of five children of James and Abigail (Goodwin) Anderson, was born at Hartford, Conn., Sept. 12. 1798. His paternal grandfather came from Scotland, as a surgeon in the British navy during the French and Indian war, and subsequently married and settled at Lyme, Conn. His father was a wheelwright by trade, and received a pension for service in the Revolutionary war. His mother was a daughter of Samuel, and a sister of George Goodwin, of Hartford, the latter well known for many years as the publisher of the Hartford *Courant*. He was baptized in infancy by the Rev. Nathan Strong, D. D., pastor of the First Church in Hartford, and was early instructed in the Bible and the Assembly's Catechism. At the age of twenty he was hopefully converted under the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Hawes, and became a member of the church. Three years later, in March, 1822, from personal convictions of duty, and by the advice of friends, he entered upon a course of study preparatory for the ministry. The first year and a half he attended the academy at Windsor, Conn., then under the charge of Mr. Albert Judson, a recent graduate of Yale College. In October, 1823, he left Windsor for Amherst Academy, then under the direction of Rev. David Greene, afterwards Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M. At the close of the academic year he was examined, with others, for admission to college, expecting to enter at once upon the regular course. His purpose was changed, however, by the advice of his pastor, and remaining another year at the Academy with special reference to a theological course, he entered Andover Theological Seminary in 1825, and was graduated in 1828. After leaving Andover he preached a short time at Salem, Mass., also at Hanover and Griswold, Conn., receiving from Hanover a call to settle, and in May, 1829, went to Manchester, Vt., as a candidate. After preaching six weeks at Manchester he received a call to the pastorate of the church at a salary of $600. This call he accepted, and was ordained and installed August 12 of the same year. The services of the occasion were held in the open air in an orchard east of the village, the old house of worship having been taken down, and the new one not being far enough advanced to admit of occupancy. President Griffin, of Williams College, was the preacher

of the sermon. The relation thus formed continued twenty-nine years, and was terminated by advice of Council, and at Mr. Anderson's own request, Aug. 12, 1858. At the time of his settlement the church numbered only about seventy-five members; at his dismission the number was twice as large, and during his pastorate not far from three hundred were added to its membership, largely the fruit of revivals at different periods of his ministry. It was about the time of his settlement that the Burr Seminary was founded at Manchester, and in the establishment and prosperity of that institution to the end of his life his efforts and interest were warmly enlisted. He was a member of its Board of Trustees, and for many years clerk of the Board. After his dismission he continued to reside in Manchester, performing occasional ministerial service among the churches of the vicinity. In 1835 he received the honorary degree of A. M. from Middlebury College. He was twice married: (1) Oct. 11, 1831, to Miss Caroline E., daughter of Thomas Bull, of Hartford, Conn., by whom he had one daughter, and who died of consumption August 1, 1833; (2) October 21, 1835, to Mrs. Clarissa M. Moody, of New York, who died May 14, 1868.

His death occurred at Manchester, Dec. 22, 1881, at the age of eighty-three years, three months and ten days.

Rev. JONATHAN CLEMENT, D. D., was born in Danville, Vt., June 20, 1797. His parents were William and Abigail (Hill) Clement, the former a native of Haverhill, Mass., and the latter of Lee, N. H. He was graduated from Middlebury College in 1818, in a class of eighteen members, thirteen of whom became ministers, and studied at Andover Theological Seminary from 1818 to 1820. He then took a position as teacher in the Phillips' Academy, at Andover, in which he remained ten years. Oct. 13, 1830, he was ordained and installed over the Congregational church in Chester, N. H., Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., preaching the sermon. From this pastorate he was dismissed Sept. 10, 1845, and went immediately to Topsham, Me., where he was installed Feb. 3, 1847. Sermon by the Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, D. D. He was dismissed from Topsham, May 19, 1852, to accept the pastorate of the church in Woodstock, in his native State, where he was installed July 14, following, Prof. D. J. Noyes, D. D., of Hanover, N. H., preaching the sermon. After fifteen years of service, having reached the age of seventy years, he was dismissed June 12, 1867. His residence thereafter was at Norwich, and still for several years he rendered efficient service to the churches in the vicinity.

He supplied regularly the church in Quechee from 1869 to 1874, and afterwards preached occasionally elsewhere for several years.

His publications were, An Address before the Social Fraternity, Phillips' Academy, 1828; An Address before the New Hampshire State Lyceum, 1833; Funeral Sermons of Wm. M. Richardson and Mrs. Lucy Swan; Sermon at the re-dedication of the church in Woodstock, and his Farewell Sermon at Woodstock, June 16, 1867. He received the honorary D. D. from Middlebury College in 1847. He was married (1) Dec. 6, 1821, to Marilla D., daughter of Samuel and Martha Hemenway, of Shoreham, who died March 6, 1823, leaving one daughter; (2) May 27, 1824, to Phebe Foxcroft, daughter of John and Lydia Phillips, of North Andover, Mass., by whom he had three sons and two daughters, and who died Dec. 3, 1874.

For his venerable age, generous culture and wide experience, as well as for his truly dignified and paternal bearing, Dr. Clement was in later years recognized as one of the fathers in the ministry of the State. His stately, manly form, wise counsels and genial manners will not soon be forgotten. He was the preacher before the General Convention at Waterbury in 1856, and Moderator of the session.

His death was from the effect of a broken limb, and took place at Norwich, Sept. 6, 1881, at the age of eighty-four years, two months and sixteen days.

Rev. Clark Elam Ferrin, D. D., was born in Holland, Vt., July 20, 1818. He was the second of nine children of Micah and Lucinda (Conant) Ferrin, industrious and Christian people, but of limited worldly means. He wrought with his father upon the farm until he was of age, teaching school in the winter from the time he was seventeen, and aiding in the support of the family. In the fall of 1839 he began to fit for college at Brownington Academy, under the direction of the Rev. Alex. C. Twilight, and there during the year began also his religious life. After a year at Brownington he went to Derby Academy, and completed his preparation for college, then entered the University of Vermont in 1841, and was graduated in 1845, ranking in scholarship in the first third of his class. He then taught one term at Marshfield, and in December following went to Macon, Ga., where he taught two years to obtain the means of paying his college debts and starting his course at the seminary. In 1847 he entered the Theological Seminary at Andover, Mass., and was graduated in 1850. Near the close of his seminary course he was invited to preach at Barton, in the vicinity of his native place, and receiving a call to

settle over the Congregational church, was there ordained and installed Dec. 10, 1851. Sermon by his college classmate, Rev. O. T. Lanphear, D. D., then of Derby, from Jer. 3 : 15. After three years of successful labor he was attacked with facial neuralgia, which compelled a temporary suspension, and he was dismissed Dec. 13, 1854. By a few months' respite in outdoor employment he so far regained his health as to resume the ministry at Hinesburgh in the Fall of 1855, and was installed there Feb. 6, 1856, Prof. N. G. Clark, D. D., of Burlington, another college classmate, preaching the sermon. In this pastorate he continued nearly twenty-two years, the last few years, however, being interrupted by renewed and painful attacks of his lifelong enemy. On this account he was obliged in 1874 to seek relief through surgical skill, and in 1875 in a journey to London and Paris. Only partial relief being obtained, he at length resigned his charge, and was dismissed Sept. 7, 1877. Still unwilling to abandon the loved work of his profession, he accepted after an interval a call to the church in Plainfield, where he was installed Feb. 13, 1878. Sermon by Rev. Wm. S. Hazen, of Northfield. Here he labored according to his strength until his death, which occurred June 27, 1881, at the age of sixty-two years, eleven months and seven days.

Mr. Ferrin was recognized as among the most sound, scholarly and able men in the ministry of his denomination in the State, an influential citizen, a judicious counsellor, a wise and faithful pastor. He was a member of the Corporation of the University of Vermont from 1857 till his death ; representative of Hinesburgh in the Legislature of the State in 1858 and 1859 ; preacher before the General Convention at Vergennes in 1859, and Moderator of the same body at Norwich in 1862. Middlebury College conferred upon him the honorary D. D. in 1880.

His publications were : two funeral sermons, respectively, in 1852 and 1853 ; Grateful Results of the War, 1865 ; Signs of the Times, 1868 ; Duties of Churches to Non-resident Members, 1870 ; Long Life to the Righteous, 1872 ; Wine Texts of the Bible, 1877 ; besides a regular weekly commentary of great value upon the International Sunday School lessons in the *Vermont Chronicle* for more than three years, and occasional other contributions to the periodical press.

He was married Nov. 6, 1850, to Miss Sophronia B. Boynton, of Derby, by whom he had three sons and two daughters. The oldest son is a professor in the Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon, and the oldest daughter is the wife of Rev. John Cowan of Essex.

Rev. JEREMIAH GLINES was the third son of Israel and Mary (Virgin) Glines, and was born in Loudon, N. H., Aug. 7, 1790. He did not have a collegiate education, but studied three years with the Rev. Daniel Gould, of Rumford, Me.; was then two years and a half a member of the class of 1825 in Bangor Theological Seminary, and afterwards a year longer with Rev. Mr. Gould, and Rev. Samuel R. Hall, of Concord, Vt. He was licensed to preach in May, 1825, by the Caledonian Association; was ordained and installed at Lunenburgh, Vt., Jan. 10, 1827, and dismissed Feb. 28, 1848, after a successful pastorate of twenty-one years. He still resided in Lunenburgh until 1856, and supplied the churches in Charleston, Concord, West Burke, Guildhall, and Dalton, N. H. In 1856 he removed to Newark, where he preached more or less for two or three years. He then went to Granby, and was acting pastor of the church there ten years, 1859–'69. In December, 1869, he returned to his former home in Lunenburgh, and gave up preaching, devoting his remaining time and strength to study. In none of the years of his life, it is said by his family, did he write more continuously and more vigorously than in these later ones. At length he laid aside his pen, saying significantly, "I am done," and lingered in the gradual decline of bodily strength until called to the home above. He died at Lunenburgh, of dysentery, Sept. 23, 1881, aged 91 years, 1 month and 16 days. Mr. Glines was not widely known. He had no ambitions beyond the sphere of his immediate labor. He was, however, an earnest Christian man, and a laborious and faithful minister, always identified in interest and devotion with the churches which he served. He was for many years the representative standard bearer of his denomination in the Northeastern section of the State. He was also respected and honored as a citizen, being chosen several years to the office of Superintendent of Common Schools, and also to represent the town of Lunenburgh one year in the State Legislature.

He was married May 8, 1827, to Miss Wealthy, daughter of Luther and Wealthy (Marsh) Wood, then of Kirby, but a native of Lebanon, N. H. Her family was of Puritan origin, and among the first settlers of Lebanon, remarkable for longevity, and numerous descendants. Their children were two sons and five daughters.

Rev. WILLIAM WITHINGTON THAYER, son of William and Sally (Whitcomb) Thayer, was born in Thetford, Vt., June 3, 1809. He early enjoyed the benefit of the Academy in his native town, engaged in teaching common schools, and began the study of medicine. He

was hopefully converted in 1831, and united with the Congregational church under the pastorate of Rev. E. G. Babcock. His attention was then turned at once to a different profession, and he recommenced the study of languages in the Academy. In the fall of 1832 he entered the Classical Institute at Bangor, Me., preparatory to a theological course, which latter he also began in 1834, and was graduated in 1837. In March, 1837, he was licensed to preach by the Penobscot Association, and while still a member of the Seminary course under the appointment of the A. B. C. F. M. for Asia Minor after graduation. The financial crisis of 1837, however, caused the detention of a large number of the appointees of the Board, and him among them, and early in 1838 he began preaching as the supply of the Congregational church in Waterville, Me. In a few months his health completely gave way, compelling him to abandon all thought of the Foreign fields, and all other labor until the spring of 1839. His disappointment was intense in giving up the Missionary work, but the providence of God was so clear that he at once recognized his duty and his calling to do what he might at home. He was ordained and installed at Orono, Me., March 21, 1839, sermon by Prof. Geo. Shepard, D. D., of Bangor, and dismissed October 9th of the same year to accept a pastorate at South Hadley Falls, Mass. He was installed at South Hadley Falls, Dec. 4, 1839, Rev. Samuel Osgood, D. D., of Springfield preaching the sermon. Here again his health broke down, which compelled his dismission March 29, 1842. He then spent a year and a half at the West, and regaining strength became able to perform some Missionary labor in the mean time in Wisconsin. Returning East he was acting pastor at South Deerfield, Mass., a year or more, and then accepted a call to Lyndon, Vt., where he was installed Jan. 21, 1846, sermon by the Rev. Silas McKeen, D. D., of Bradford. Here he remained six years, and again was dismissed on account of his health, Jan. 20, 1852. He soon removed to St. Johnsbury, declining all subsequent invitations to settle, but preaching considerably at St. Johnsbury and elsewhere, and being for several years specially connected with the Home Missionary work. In 1870 he became the Librarian of the newly established Athenæum at St. Johnsbury, and held the position ten years. He then retired in gradually failing health, and died of acute bronchitis, at St. Johnsbury, Dec. 11, 1881, aged 72 years, 6 months and 8 days.

Mr. Thayer was a rare man, beloved everywhere alike as a citizen, a Christian minister, and a friend. He was gentlemanly in his bearing, and often singularly felicitous in his methods of action and

address. His whole life was a struggle with physical weakness, in which, however, he uniformly bore himself with calmness and heroic patience. Though never a graduate of college, he was yet honored with the honorary degree of A. M., from Dartmouth in 1860. He was married, (1) March 21, 1839, to Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Garland, of Bangor, Me., who died Jan. 21, 1845; (2) March 4, 1847, to Charlotte, daughter of Hon. Ephraim Paddock of St. Johnsbury, who died June 26, 1855; (3) Sept. 4, 1857, to Mrs. Almira, daughter of Dea. James Taylor, of Windham, N. H., and widow of Hon. Joseph P. Fairbanks, of St Johnsbury.

The following is the record of those once pastors, or natives of the State, who have died during the year:

Rev. Royal Augustus Avery, born in Brandon, Vt., July 7, 1800; studied Theology with Dr. Josiah Hopkins, of New Haven, and at Bangor Seminary; ordained and installed at Cambridge, Vt., Dec. 10, 1823; dismissed Dec. 25, 1824. Engaged in business at Hinesburgh, S. S. at Richmond and So. Granville, N. Y.; S. S. at Galway, N. Y.; Pastor of Presbyterian church, Vernon Center, N. Y.; pastor of Presbyterian church, Liverpool, N. Y.; died at Gloversville, N. Y., Feb. 11, 1882.

Rev. George Wellington Barrows, born in Bridport, Vt., Feb. 23, 1817; partial course at Middlebury College; Union Theological Seminary, 1844; ordained and installed at Salisbury, Vt., Jan. 28, 1845; dismissed Aug. 5, 1864; pastor at Elizabethtown, N. Y., 1864 to 1881; died at Elizabethtown, Sept. 26, 1881.

Rev. Amzi B. Emmons, born in Chester, Morris County, N. J.: graduated at Amherst College 1869; Union Theological Seminary 1873; ordained at Montclair, N. J., Oct. 28, 1873; labored under direction of V. D. M. S. at Stratton, Vt.; acting pastor at Jamaica 1874 to 1877; pastor at Oxford, Mass., 1878 to 1882; died at Oxford, Jan. 18, 1882.

Rev. Henry Brown Hooker, D. D., born in Rutland, Vt., Aug. 31, 1802; graduated at Middlebury College 1821, and Andover Theological Seminary 1825; ordained Oct. 10, 1825; Home Missionary in So. Carolina; pastor at Lanesboro and Falmouth, Mass.; Secretary of Massachusetts Home Missionary Society; died July 4, 1881.

Rev. James Parker Kimball, born in Townshend, Vt., Dec. 29, 1828; graduated at Amherst College 1849, and Andover Theological Seminary 1854; ordained and installed, Keokuk, Iowa, May 13, 1857;

pastor at Falmouth and Haydensville, Mass.; Secretary of American Tract Society, Boston; died at Amherst, Mass., April 28, 1882.

Rev. Henry Morris, born at Cambridge, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1803; graduated at Hamilton College 1823, Princeton Theological Seminary; preached in South Windsor, Conn.; ordained by Presbytery at Schaghticoke, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1831; pastor at Middle Granville, N. Y.; pastor at Orwell, Vt., 1834 to 1841; resided at Port Jervis and Binghamton, N. Y., and died at Binghamton, Oct. 17, 1881.

Rev. Simeon Parmalee, D. D., born at West Stockbridge, Mass., Jan. 16, 1782; ordained over the church in Westford, Vt., Aug. 31, 1808, and pastor nearly 30 years, at Williston six years, at Underhill two periods of nine and six years respectively, in the intervals two years at Milton, and three years at Tinmouth; afterwards for brief periods preaching at Swanton, and again at Westford; then at the age of eighty-eight, after sixty-one years of active service, spent wholly in Vermont, he retired to Oswego, N. Y., where he passed his hundredth year, and died Feb. 10, 1882.

Rev. Daniel Pulsifer, born in Campton, N. H., Sept. 26, 1796; ordained, 1835; acting pastor and pastor of several churches in New Hampshire; acting pastor at West Fairlee, Vt., 1850 to 1853; resident at Thetford 1855 to 1864; died at Danbury, N. H., Sept. 16, 1881.

Rev. Heman Rood, D. D., born in Jericho, Vt., Jan. 29, 1795; graduated at Middlebury College 1819, and Andover Theological Seminary 1825; ordained July 12, 1826, pastor at Gilmanton, and New Milford, Conn.; Prof. of Biblical Literature at Gilmanton Theological Seminary; S. S. at Quechee and Hartland; died June 8, 1882.

Rev. Buel Willoughby Smith, born in Monkton, Nov. 13, 1806; graduated at Middlebury College 1831, and Andover Theological Seminary 1834; ordained and installed at Montpelier, Aug. 25, 1836; S. S. at Irasburgh, Plainfield, Port Kent, N. Y., Ferrisburgh and West Milton; teacher at Burlington; died at the West, March 7, 1882.

Rev. Harvey Merrill Stone, born in Cabot, Sept. 1, 1819; one of four brothers in a family of ten children who became ministers; graduated at Bangor Theological Seminary 1847; ordained at Bluehill, Me., Nov. 2, 1848; pastor or acting pastor successively at Bluehill, Waldoboro, and Gardiner, in Maine, Middleboro and South Dennis, in Mass., and Laconia, Rochester in New Hampshire; Miller's Falls, Worthington and Saundersville in Mass.; died at Saundersville, Oct. 21, 1881.

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JUNE 1881 TO JUNE 1882.

ORDAINED.

1881.	June 30.	A. H. Burnell	Westminster West.
			Miss. A. B. C. F. M.
	Sept. 14.	George Allchin	Middlebury.
			Miss. A. B. C. F. M.
	Sept. 28.	Pliny B. Fisk	Waitsfield.
			Home Missionary.
1882.	April 14.	Leonard B. Tenney	Barre.
			Home Missionary.

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1881.	Oct. 4.	Richard B. Grover	Ludlow.
	Nov. 10.	Peter McMillan	Barre.
1882.	Feb. 21.	James F. Brodie	Woodstock.

INSTALLED.

1881.	June 24.	S. Lewis B. Speare	Middlebury.
	Aug. 24.	Allen Clark	Bradford.
	Sept. 14.	Lincoln Harlow	Putney.

DISMISSED.

1881.	July 13.	Lewis W. Hicks	Woodstock.
	Sept. 14.	Edward T. Hooker	Castleton.
	Sept. 20.	Benjamin S. Adams	Cabot.
	Dec. 8.	Paul H. Pitkin	Marshfield.
	Dec. 28.	Azel W Wild	Peacham.
1882.	Feb. 20.	Caleb M. Winch	Hartland.
	June	Charles E. Gordon	East Hardwick.

DECEASED.

1881.	June 27.	Clark E. Ferrin, D D	Plainfield.
	Sept. 6.	Jonathan Clement, D. D	Norwich.
	Sept. 23.	Jeremiah Glines,	Lunenburgh.
	Dec. 11.	William W. Thayer	St. Johnsbury.
	Dec. 22.	James Anderson	Manchester.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1881.

1. ADDISON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. GEORGE E. HALL.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. Schools	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Congl Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Bridport,	1790	James F. Eaton,	Sup.	1879	1881	61	106	167	41	2	0	2	1	7	0	8	1	0	140	160	70	$6 90	$74 05	$7 50	.....	$4 50	$60 00	$152 95
Bristol,	1805	Vacant.	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cornwall,	1785	John C. Houghton,	A. P.	1868	1879	52	107	159	32	0	1	1	5	1	0	6	0	0	220	140	83	65 02	106 10	40 16	.....	16 05	100 00	327 33
Ferrisburgh,	1824	B. F. Churchill,	Sup.	....	1881	23	35	58	11	1	1	2	3	1	0	4	1	1	54	39	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middlebury,	1790	S. Lewis B. Speare,	P.	1873	1881	162	273	435	....	0	0	0	7	13	1	21	0	0	213	290	203	145 54	158 01	44 72	.....	13 73	37 81	399 81
New Haven,	1797	C. L. Sargent,	A. P.	1879	1881	106	179	285	71	0	0	0	11	2	0	13	0	0	120	210	135	.....	158 67	20 47	5 49	.....	11 25	195 88
Orwell,	1789	Soltau F. Calhoun,	P.	1880	1880	71	117	188	18	5	3	8	8	3	0	11	2	1	235	150	114	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ripton,	1828	Vacant.	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salisbury,	1904	T. A. Merrill,	A. P.	1858	1881	48	62	110	15	2	3	5	2	1	0	3	2	0	150	130	90	16 91	12 50	13 00	.....	.....	2 00	44 41
Shoreham,	1784	Wm. N. Bacon,	P.	1859	1864	34	90	124	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	77	120	52	22 50	81 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	109 50
Vergennes,	1793	Geo. E. Hall,	P.	1875	1877	87	172	259	57	5	0	5	4	2	0	6	4	2	140	194	78	60 00	130 00	20 00	.....	15 00	30 00	255 00
Weybridge,	1794	Lewis A. Austin,	Sup.	1862	1880	29	52	81	13	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	115	78	28	.....	137 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	137 00
Whiting,	1799	Vacant.	.....	....	....	3	9	12	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	10	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	68 00
Total, 13.		4 P. 3 A. P. 3 S.				676	1202	1878	250	15	8	23	44	32	1	77	10	13	1514	1561	893	$324 87	$857 33	$151 85	$5 49	$49 28	$301 06	$1689 88

Without Charge—Cephus H. Kent, New Haven; Milton L. Severance, Middlebury.

Ordained—George Allchin, Middlebury, September 14, 1881. *Installed*—S. Lewis B. Speare, Middlebury, June 24, 1881.

Dismissed—Stephen Knowlton, New Haven, March 15, 1881; Warren W. Winchester, Bridport, May 3, 1881.

Licentiates—Prof. Ezra Brainard, Middlebury; Henry W. Hulbert, Middlebury.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—Rev. Geo. E. Hall.

2. BENNINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. L. C. PARTRIDGE.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.								
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismiss.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Coop'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.	
Arlington, E.	1843	Horace Pratt,	Sup.	1849	....	6	40	46	9	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	60	42	$15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$5 00	$20 00	
Bennington 1st	1762	Isaac Jennings,	P.	1843	1843	58	115	173	48	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	2	148	....	....	35 00	$245 00	25	.....	.....	33 00	338 00	
" 2nd	1836	Edward G. Read,	P.	1865	1875	71	205	276	45	8	7	15	2	6	0	8	6	6	240	225	130	235 40	262 78	$84 36	.....	$77 62	216 84	877 00	
" No.	1868	L. C. Partridge,	A. P.	1860	1875	24	50	74	16	11	6	17	0	0	0	0	5	4	124	110	60	11 86	197 94	9 56	$7 37	....6 39	350 00	583 12	
Dorset,	1784	Parsons S. Pratt,	P.	1847	1856	29	77	106	10	1	0	1	5	1	0	6	1	4	113	150	100	25 39	81 16	26 88	.....	12 82	18 75	165 00	
" E.	1867	J. L. Harrington,	A. P.	1876	1879	13	22	35	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	....	50	.....	35 24	20 20	.....	.....	.....	55 44	
Manchester,	1784	Albert C. Reed,	P.	1863	1878	83	139	222	26	12	4	16	4	3	1	8	4	0	197	188	120	175 56	432 23	105 60	20 50	27 40	30 44	791 73	
Peru,	1807	S. L. Vincent,	P.	1878	1879	47	47	94	20	2	2	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	100	100	80	2 18	8 00	3 00	.....	1 71	1 63	16 52	
Pownal No.	1851	Vacant.	A. P.	1867	1881	14	23	37	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	70	80	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	25 00	
Rupert,	1786	A.B.Lambert, D.D.	A. P.	1837	1874	23	45	68	8	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	120	100	50	35 00	75 42	.....	.....	.....	46 50	156 92	
Sandgate,	1782	Vacant.	.....	....	....	3	7	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	40	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total, 11.		5 P. 4 A. P. 1 S.				371	770	1141	193	36	21	57	15	14	1	29	17	18	1232	1053	783	$535 39	$1337 77	$274 60	$27 87	$125 94	$727 16	$3028 73	

Without Charge—Joseph D. Wickham, D. D., Manchester; Charles Redfield, Vernon, Conn.

Deceased—James Anderson, Manchester, Dec. 22, 1881.

Meeting of Conference—Fourth Tuesday in May.

Register—Rev. P. S. Pratt.

3. CALEDONIA CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. C. W. Thompson.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congreg'tion.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismiss.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Barnet,	1808	Matthew A. Gates,	A. P.	1808	1880	34	60	94	17	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	115	140	93	$27 35	$67 5	$28 87	.....	$2 00	$53 00	$178 72
McIndoes,	1829	N. F. Coblelgh,	A. P.	1871	1877	25	58	83	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	110	115	108	10 00	49 25	12 00	.....	.....	43 00	114 27
Burke, East,	1807	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	10	22	32	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cabot,	1801	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	47	79	126	13	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	2	0	140	128	90	25 27	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 25
Danville,	1792	C. W. Thompson,	P.	1869	1869	41	92	133	23	8	2	10	2	0	0	2	7	0	130	140	100	27 10	67 10	44 85	.....	.....	31 00	170 05
Hardwick,	1803	C. E. Gordon,	P.	1876	1878	53	93	146	34	0	3	3	2	3	0	5	0	0	144	122	70	10 50	52 02	43 75	.....	.....	50 00	156 27
Kirby,	1877	R. D. Osgood,	A. P.	1871	1879	15	12	27	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	40	20	9 37	6 5	.....	.....	.....	4 10	19 97
Lyndon,	1817	R. D. Osgood,	A. P.	1871	1879	26	71	97	29	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	130	94	72	15 87	52 87	31 60	$20 66	.....	6 50	127 50
Lyndonville,	1870	C. B. Hulbert, D.D.	A. P.	1880	1881	34	92	126	19	11	11	22	2	1	0	3	8	4	120	150	75	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	161 61	171 61
Peacham,	1794	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	56	139	195	40	8	1	9	3	6	0	9	4	1	260	215	100	61 87	90 51	32 03	21 67	.....	88 30	294 38
St. Johnsb' 1st,	1809	J. Hammond,	A. P.	1871	1878	27	52	79	20	1	2	3	3	1	0	4	1	1	60	90	47	35 00	.....	7 00	.....	.....	15 00	57 00
" No.	1825	H. W. Jones,	P.	1866	1875	142	268	410	116	3	13	16	6	6	0	12	2	5	401	332	174	645 04	1917 02	329 99	24 52	36 78	393 62	3346 97
" E.	1840	F. B. Phelps,	P.	1870	1879	42	67	109	31	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	1	140	125	130	11 17	36 00	7 00	.....	.....	49 47	103 64
" So.	1851	E. T. Fairbanks,	P.	1868	1874	149	227	376	93	2	8	10	7	7	0	14	1	7	368	343	169	1156 21	1384 55	108 18	3024 00	140 06	452 59	6265 59
Waterford,	1798	C. F. Morse,	A. P.	1856	1878	56	74	130	32	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	3	125	100	65	9 60	15 00	9 70	.....	.....	36 00	70 30
Total, 15.		5 P. 6 A. P.				757	1406	2163	494	35	48	83	37	31	0	68	25	24	2278	2134	1313	$2044 35	$3773 32	$654 97	$3093 85	$178 84	$1384 19	$11126 52

Without Charge—Henry Fairbanks, Homer T. Fuller, Azel W. Wild, St. Johnsbury.

Dismissed—Benj. S. Adams, Cabot, Sept. 20, 1881. Azel W. Wild, Peacham, Dec. 28, 1881.

Deceased—Wm. W. Thayer, St. Johnsbury, Dec. 11, 1881.

Committee on Credentials and Ministerial Standing—Rev. C. W. Thompson, Rev. F. B. Phelps, Rev. H. W. Jones.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—Rev. C. W. Thompson.

4. CHITTENDEN CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. AUSTIN HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismiss.	Exc	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Amer. Mis. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Burlington 1st,	1805	L. O. Brastow, D.D.	P.	1861	1873	134	266	400	85	3	10	13	3	6	0	9	0	3	268	400	175	$762 43	$452 65	$99 68	.....	$137 28	$360 82	$1812 86
" 3d,	1860	G. B. Safford, D.D.	P.	1858	1860	46	114	160	23	0	3	3	3	7	0	10	0	0	116	250	75	273 12	233 52	53 23	.....	14 40	42 66	616 95
Charlotte,	1792	Vacant.	.....	....	....	46	109	155	44	4	3	7	2	5	0	7	4	2	167	150	83	110 50	66 00	61 00	.....	50 00	106 50	394 00
Colchester,	1804	A. S. Barton,	A. P.	1862	1877	10	53	63	17	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	6	0	75	70	41	32 00	33 94	10 00	.....	.....	10 00	85 94
" Winooski,	1836	Vacant.	.....	....	....	12	42	54	19	0	3	3	1	4	0	5	0	0	60	60	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Essex,	1797	John Cowan,	A. P.	1875	1875	28	72	100	30	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	0	4	115	75	32	11 25	32 96	7 00	.....	.....	5 25	56 46
" Junction,	1869	John Cowan,	A. P.	1875	1876	27	51	78	29	2	1	3	1	3	0	4	1	1	214	135	45	14 00	31 00	18 00	.....	.....	10 25	73 25
Hinesburgh,	1789	Artemas C. Field,	A. P.	1866	1880	32	80	112	55	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	116	95	40	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Jericho 1st,	1791	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	1860	1864	26	55	81	15	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	0	175	130	75	.....	50 00	15 25	.....	.....	12 00	77 25
" 2d,	1826	Vacant.	.....	....	....	14	35	49	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	125	100	35	12 16	48 50	11 00	.....	6 42	16 00	94 08
Milton,	1801	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1869	32	64	96	9	17	2	19	2	0	0	2	12	2	160	110	70	.....	85 43	18 30	.....	.....	50 00	153 73
" West,	1853	J. H. Woodward,	A. P.	1838	1870	12	13	25	....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richmond,	1801	Austin Hazen,	A. P.	1860	1875	15	29	44	11	5	0	5	0	2	0	2	3	0	90	75	50	.....	37 65	27 24	.....	.....	15 00	79 89
South Hero,	1795	O. G. Wheeler,	P.	1840	1840	25	73	98	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	140	60	.....	73 33	15 00	.....	.....	.....	88 33
Underhill,	1801	J. D. Emerson,	A. P.	1858	1876	29	35	64	22	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	162	110	35	5 00	26 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	36 00
Westford,	1801	Geo. P. Byington,	A. P.	1868	1869	30	73	103	15	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	3	120	125	65	35 00	31 00	10 00	.....	.....	4 00	80 00
Williston,	1800	F. W. Olmsted,	A. P.	1848	1877	23	40	63	20	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	45	52	22	18 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Total, 17.		3 P., 8 A. P.				541	1204	1745	417	44	22	66	26	35	0	61	29	15	2048	2117	958	$1273 46	$1213 98	$356 72	00	$208 10	$632 48	$3684 74

Without Charge—James Buckham, John E. Goodrich, Henry P. Hickock, Henry A. P. Torrey, Andrew J. Willard, M. D., John H. Worcester, D. D., Burlington; John C. Wilder, Charlotte; Charles M. Seaton, Essex Junction.

Licentiate—Matthew H. Buckham, D. D.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—Rev. Geo. B. Safford, D. D.

5. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. CHARLES DUREN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Mist. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Granby & Vic.	1825	Charles Duren,	A. P.	1841	1874	11	21	32	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	56	45	28	$12 28	$34 00	$4 00	.....	.....	$1 60	$51 88
Guildhall,	1799	Vacant.	.....	....	....	19	47	66	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	70	35	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Lunenburgh,	1802	L. W. Harris.	A. P.	1842	1878	28	60	88	27	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	85	70	37	5 59	.....	.....	.....	.....	iii 41	117 00
Total, 3.		2 A. P.				58	128	186	53	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	2	0	201	185	100	$22 87	$39 00	$4 00	.....	.....	$113 01	$178 88

Deceased—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh, September 23, 1881.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—Rev. Geo. W. Osgood, Littleton, N. H.

6. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. A. B. SWIFT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Congl. Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Alburgh,	1824	R. Hicks,	A. P.	1867	1877	22	67	89	28	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	110	100	55	$11 00	$20 00	$4 00	.....	.....	$2 00	$37 00
Bakersfield,	1811	J. K. Fuller,	A. P.	1876	1877	37	75	112	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	101	67	19 59	7 25	8 25	.....	.....	29 50	64 59
Berkshire, E.,	1820	E. W. Hatch,	P.	1866	1866	36	44	80	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	90	85	35	10 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	39 36	57 36
Enosburgh,	1811	A. B. Swift,	A. P.	1855	1861	58	85	143	44	4	0	4	1	3	0	4	1	3	110	80	40	9 00	112 00	25 00	.....	.....	15 00	161 00
Fairfield,	1800	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	5	11	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	7 00
Franklin,	1817	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	14	29	43	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia,	1793	C. W. Clark,	A. P.	1861	1879	24	45	69	17	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	73	65	30	8 00	39 99	12 10	.....	.....	16 18	76 18
Highgate,	1811	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1878	17	38	55	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	69	64	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery,	1817	E. W. Hatch,	A. P.	1866	1866	11	21	32	8	0	0	0	2	0	4	6	0	0	47	.....	17	5 03	3 00	4 01	.....	.....	5 00	17 00
Sheldon,	1816	C. P. Watson,	A. P.	1857	1876	18	30	48	16	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	76	60	36	3 44	14 45	25 00	.....	.....	.....	42 89
St. Albans,	1803	C. Van Norden,	P.	1866	1873	139	179	318	51	3	4	7	6	3	0	9	0	7	258	350	175	450 00	276 65	86 88	.....	17 56	331 17	1165 23
Swanton,	1801	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1877	61	114	175	47	2	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	114	115	85	115 44	17 28	11 55	12 90	14 74	36 13	208 04
Total, 12.		2 P., 6 A. P.				442	738	1180	262	11	6	17	17	11	4	30	1	18	1027	1020	587	$631 47	$498 53	$176 75	$12 90	$32 30	$484 34	$1836 29

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Register—Rev. Richard Hicks.

7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. AZRO A. SMITH.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'tms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				House Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Mis. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Congrl Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Cambridge,	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	A. P.	1836	1876	23	46	69	7	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	95	125	45	.....	$62 00	$121 00	.....	.....	$39 00	$222 00
Hyde Park,	1863	Vacant.	.....	....	....	4	15	19	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	3	0	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" North,	1858	A. A. Smith.	A. P.	1864	1881	8	11	19	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	125	65	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnson,	1817	A. A. Smith,	P.	1864	1879	38	74	112	20	2	6	8	3	2	0	5	2	2	180	120	64	$22 50	48 50	10 00	.....	$5 00	23 50	109 50
Morrisville,	1807	W. A. Bushee,	P.	1869	1880	44	77	121	26	5	4	9	4	4	0	8	1	1	125	136	85	40 95	20 39	10 00	.....	.....	.....	71 34
Stowe,	1818	Vacant.	.....	....	....	22	59	81	18	2	6	8	0	2	0	2	2	4	100	83	55	56 92	95 00	46 70	.....	.....	.....	198 62
Waterville,	1823	G. L. Story, (Meth)	S.	....	1881	6	21	27	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wolcott,	1818	C. J. Richardson.	A. P.	1878	1880	21	42	63	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	60	50	11 06	7 25	1 63	$2 03	$2 27	2 65	26 89
Total, 8.		2 P., 2 A. P.				166	345	511	107	12	17	29	13	9	0	22	9	7	770	589	327	$131 43	$238 14	$189 33	$2 03	$7 27	$65 15	$628 35

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Register—Rev. Edwin Wheelock.

8. ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. Bates.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Bradford,	1810	Allen Clark,	P.	1868	1880	34	120	154	14	14	2	16	6	3	0	9	7	0	175	175	140	$164 50	$55 23	$25 24	.....	.....	$31 14	$276 11
Braintree,	1794	Lorenzo D. Place,	A. P.	1864	1881	14	26	40	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	42	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" E.	1871	Clark Simonds,	A. P.	1864	1881	16	43	59	27	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	91	84	45	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	22 00
Brookfield, 1st,	1787	Wm. M. Gay,	A. P.	1863	1880	30	42	72	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	126	75	52	46 12	26 95	7 32	.....	.....	.....	80 39
" 2nd,	1848	Wm. M. Gay,	A. P.	1863	1881	54	89	143	10	2	0	2	4	3	0	7	2	1	142	85	115	8 42	27 80	10 39	.....	.....	9 00	55 61
Chelsea,	1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	1864	1870	55	108	163	36	1	3	4	8	10	0	18	1	0	148	170	202	40 38	63 95	20 00	.....	.....	9 85	134 18
Corinth,	1820	Horace P. James,	P.	1881	1880	46	93	139	8	2	2	4	0	6	0	6	2	2	183	164	141	.....	.....	16 50	.....	$15 00	.....	31 50
Fairlee,	1833	Allen Clark,	S.	1868	1880	13	27	40	11	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	100	36	.....	25 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Newbury,	1764	S. L. Bates,	P.	1864	1871	45	134	179	36	8	1	9	9	2	1	12	6	3	142	178	105	208 68	255 52	42 35	.....	.....	124 60	631 15
" Wells R.	1842	E. J. Ranslow,	A. P.	1869	1875	57	123	180	23	2	1	3	2	5	0	7	2	3	296	240	200	25 21	25 00	30 50	.....	.....	40 00	120 21
" West,	1867	A. B. Lyon,	A. P.	1878	1875	16	30	46	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	90	60	28 73	29 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 86
Orange,	1876	F. L. Small,	A. P.	L.	1881	22	37	59	7	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	98	75	5 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00
Randolph,	1786	W. S. Blaisdell,	A. P.	1868	1876	36	58	94	14	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	125	134	42	4 35	22 00	.....	.....	.....	26 80	60 18
" West,	1831	V. M. Hardy,	P.	1872	1878	39	85	124	26	0	0	0	7	3	0	10	0	0	208	128	95	15 51	35 76	8 00	.....	6 00	.....	65 27
Strafford,	1820	Henry Cummings,	P.	1851	1874	17	37	54	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	88	62	47	40 00	63 65	20 00	.....	.....	45 00	168 65
Thetford,	1773	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	48	95	143	36	0	2	2	3	2	0	5	0	0	160	102	50	37 28	76 64	14 00	.....	9 00	39 60	176 52
" Post M.	1839	J. C. McCollom,	A. P.	1869	1881	20	46	66	21	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	75	125	56	10 25	51 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	121 25
" North,	1878	J. T. Closson,	A. P.	1871	1878	12	29	41	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	110	45	10 13	12 50	8 56	.....	.....	.....	31 19
Tunbridge,	1792	S. K. B. Perkins,	A. P.	1860	1881	13	27	40	11	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	50	30	5 00	4 47	.....	.....	.....	25 00	34 47
Vershire,	1787	Evan Thomas,	A. P.	L.	1880	14	23	37	0	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	60	60	40	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
West Fairlee,	1809	C. H. Cooledge,	S.	L.	1881	18	28	46	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	70	65	29	10 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Williamstown,	1795	Wm. Schofield,	A. P.	1874	1880	35	63	98	11	4	4	8	4	2	0	6	4	0	92	83	60	6 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	72 46	78 76
Total, 22		6 P., 12 A. P., 2 S.				654	1363	2017	325	48	19	65	62	43	1	106	36	9	2611	2428	1718	$675 86	$792 60	$227 36	00	$30 00	$503 45	$2229 27

Without Charge—Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Isaac Hosford, North Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire.

Ordained and Installed—Horace P. James, Corinth, Feb. 16, 1881. Installed, Allen Clark, Bradford, Aug. 24, 1881.

Meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday in May. *Register*—J. K. Darling, Corinth.

9. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors of Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Average Congregt'on.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Congl Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Albany,	1818	D. E. Smith,	S.	L.	1880	16	28	44	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	70	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barton,	1817	Lawrence Phelps,	P.	1878	1878	35	81	116	....	11	9	20	0	1	0	1	7	0	142	165	100	$7 58	$20 00	.....	.....	.....	$61 73	$89 31
Brighton,	1841	S. R. Bonnell,	A. P.	1878	1880	6	24	30	1	14	7	21	0	2	0	2	10	0	50	50	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Browningt'n, Barton L'd'g	1809	J. A. Bates,	A. P.	1860	1879	42	77	119	6	3	2	5	1	3	3	7	3	2	150	161	119	.....	18 44	$20 83	.....	.....	.....	39 27
Charleston,	1844	W. T. Herrick,	A. P.	1851	1872	31	50	81	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	80	86	57	51 50	91 54	23 25	.....	$13 00	12 00	191 29
Coventry,	1810	G. S. Butler,	A. P.	1877	1881	29	56	85	11	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	2	148	....	....	.....	30 00	28 75	.....	.....	.....	58 75
Craftsbury,	1797	Vacant.	.....	....	....	42	70	112	27	4	0	4	3	3	0	6	0	1	125	90	50	9 77	50 00	15 58	$5 60	.....	.....	80 95
Derby,	1807	J. L. Litch,	A. P.	1867	1881	37	57	94	13	2	0	2	3	4	0	7	1	0	140	....	41	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	58 00
Glover,	1817	B. S. Adams,	A. P.	1871	1881	30	74	104	....	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	2	0	76	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greensboro,	1804	S. Knowlton,	A. P.	1865	1881	20	52	72	17	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	0	120	110	75	6 00	94 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Holland,	1842	John Frazer,	A. P.	1852	1879	13	20	33	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60	30	18 00	18 93	9 33	.....	.....	4 50	50 76
Irasburgh,	1818	William Carr,	A. P.	1880	1879	26	43	69	11	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	1	0	158	112	55	38 58	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 58
Lowell,	1816	Rufus King,	P. E.	1880	1880	35	50	85	23	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	140	90	....	6 00	6 00	7 50	.....	.....	.....	19 50
Morgan,	1825	W. T. Herrick,	A. P.	1851	1875	5	17	22	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	70	21	12 50	10 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 00
Newport,	1831	E. P. Wild,	P.	1865	1874	55	92	147	20	4	7	11	1	1	0	2	2	1	157	157	104	60 60	73 88	23 15	2 00	8 00	27 10	194 73
Troy,	1845	J. N. Walker,	A. P.	1880	1881	1	8	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	45	20	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
" North,	1818	J. N. Walker,	P.	1880	1880	30	45	75	25	2	1	3	3	2	1	6	1	0	130	100	60	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	10 00	11 25
Westfield,	1818	Rufus King.	A. P.	1850	1880	23	35	58	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	75	75	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 18		3 P., 10 A. P., 1 S.				476	879	1355	216	45	30	75	22	28	4	54	29	6	1951	1441	756	$218 53	$475 54	$128 39	$ 7 60	$21 00	$123 33	$ 974 39

Without Charge—Robert V. Hall, W. C. Somerville, Newport; Jabez T. Howard, West Charleston; Geo. Stone, N. Troy.

Deceased—Chauncey B. Thomas, Jan. 20, 1881.

Licentiate—William Coburn.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—Rev. E. P. Wild.

10. RUTLAND CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities.	Total Contrib.
Benson,	1790	George G. Lyon,	A. P.	1858	1879	50	90	140	45	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	130	130	50	$5 00	$37 00	$2 00	.....	.....	.....	$28 00	$92 00
Brandon,	1785	Walter Rice,	A. P.	1865	1880	71	130	201	63	1	4	5	5	3	0	8	0	0	150	150	154	44 20	48 50	26 95	.....	.....	$16 40	132 43	268 48
Castleton,	1784	John P. Demeritt,	A. P.	1870	1882	44	118	161	34	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	142	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarendon,	1822	Geo. H. Morss,	P.	1864	1876	20	43	63	9	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	85	80	84	18 00	50 63	21 00	$10 70	8 41	133 70	242 44
Danby,	1869	Lucian D. Mears,	A. P.	1871	1876	5	17	22	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	70	44	35	9 50	11 00	2 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 80
Fair Haven,	1803	R. C. Flagg,	A. P.	1872	1880	28	77	105	30	2	4	6	0	2	0	2	2	0	100	125	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Welsh,	1857	Vacant.	.....	....	....	18	30	48	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	75	32	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Hubbardton,	1782	Vacant.	.....	....	....	15	26	41	17	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	74	45	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middletown,	1780	Osborn Myrick,	A. P.	1846	1866	33	51	84	....	4	C	4	3	5	0	8	4	0	140	125	80	12 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	77 00
Pawlet,	1781	N. S. Moore,	A. P.	1868	1880	26	65	91	16	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	2	0	60	100	78	7 50	8 40	11 06	.....	.....	.....	21 06	48 02
Pittsford,	1784	Chas. C. McIntire,	P.	1861	1880	75	158	233	38	4	2	6	3	3	0	6	2	10	230	190	128	63 00	91 00	59 00	.....	10 00	5 00	228 00
Poultney,	1789	Calvin Granger,	A. P.	1834	1873	25	37	62	12	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	58	60	30	.....	11 47	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 47
Rutland,	1788	J. G. Johnson, D.D.	P.	1866	1870	233	381	614	91	8	24	32	12	5	0	17	2	16	480	500	450	334 00	1173 34	80 00	.....	.....	50 00	1637 34
" West,	1773	J. K. Williams,	A. P.	1866	1872	83	156	239	28	1	2	3	7	3	2	12	1	8	175	165	118	95 00	123 05	24 00	.....	22 50	.....	264 55
Salisbury,	1791	Vacant.	.....	....	....	7	12	19	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wallingford,	1792	Chas. N. Brainard,	A. P.	1876	1880	49	117	166	33	10	6	16	3	3	0	6	8	0	106	140	75	76 10	158 15	62 25	.....	.....	.....	34 18	330 58
West Haven,	1847	G. G. Lyon,	S.	1858	1879	6	9	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	30	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00
Total, 17		3 P., 10 A. P.				787	1517	2304	454	32	47	79	45	33	3	81	21	29	2146	1939	1474	$674 30	$1757 54	$288 56	$10 70	$57 31	$454 27	$3242 68

Without Charge—William Denison, Ulric Maynard, Levi H. Stone, Castleton; Amasa Stewart, Pittsford.

Dismissed—Edward T. Hooker, Castleton, Sept. 14, 1881.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—Rev. J. K. Williams.

11. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. W. S. HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Average Congreg'on.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Barre,	1799	Peter McMillan,	P.	1881	1881	58	100	158	34	0	4	4	5	5	0	10	0	0	289	175	125	$23 75	$72 00	$16 06	.....	.....	$43 91	$135 72
Berlin,	1798	Alden Ladd,	A. P.	1863	1879	28	47	75	26	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	110	80	50	88 71	41 00	13 06	$4 56	$6 80	30 00	184 13
" West,	1865	Alden Ladd,	A. P.	1864	1879	6	12	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	35	20	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Duxbury,	1836	S. B. Currier, (M.)	S.	....	1880	13	17	30	7	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	61	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshfield.	1826	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	13	27	40	6	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	40	24	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00
Montpelier,	1808	John H Hincks,	P.	1877	1877	63	159	222	34	2	3	5	8	3	0	11	2	5	158	200	141	74 66	127 69	19 10	.....	.....	169 47	390 92
Northfield,	1822	William S Hazen,	P.	1864	1863	44	82	126	15	10	6	16	2	2	0	4	8	0	156	134	76	43 12	63 71	15 65	10 05	.....	62 85	195 38
Plainfield,	1799	W. T. Swinnerton,	A. P.	1877	1881	16	19	35	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	80	45	10 00	7 50	.....	.....	.....	5 75	23 25
Roxbury,	1864	H. C. Howard,	S.	....	1881	15	28	43	12	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0	95	65	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 64	2 64
Waitsfield,	1796	S. H. Robinson,	P.	1877	1877	43	93	136	12	1	1	2	4	2	0	6	1	1	170	144	90	18 00	12 15	16 88	.....	.....	20 00	67 03
Warren,	1816	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterbury,	1801	S. H. Wheeler,	P.	1875	1875	60	105	165	29	4	0	4	3	6	0	9	3	1	170	160	125	30 00	62 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	122 00
Woodbury,	1875	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	16	28	44	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	60	80	40	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Worcester,	1824	P. H. Carpenter,	P.	1879	1878	10	33	43	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	30	75	30	13 43	7 45	3 44	.....	.....	.....	24 32
Total, 14		6 P., 2 A. P., 2 S.				385	750	1135	203	28	17	45	25	25	0	50	15	11	1468	1325	836	$323 67	$387 50	$114 19	$14 61	$6 80	$334 62	$1181 39

Without Charge—Alanson D. Barber, Charles S. Smith, John F. Stone, Montpelier; Horace Pratt, Northfield.

Ordained and Installed—Peter McMillan, Barre, Nov. 10, 1881. *Ordained*—Pliny B. Fisk, Waitsfield, Sept. 28, 1881.

Dismissed—Paul H. Pitkin, Marshfield, Dec. 8, 1881.

Deceased—Clark E. Ferrin, Plainfield, June 27, 1881.

Committee on Credentials and Ministerial Standing—Rev. J. H. Hincks, Rev. W. S. Hazen, Rev. C. S. Smith, Rev. S. H. Wheeler, Rev. Leonard Tenny and Rev. Aldin Ladd.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—Rev. John H. Hincks.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congreg'tion.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Ext.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Brattleboro	1816	Geo. E. Martin,	P.	1879	1878	83	211	294	32	1	9	10	4	10	0	14	1	4	201	279	160	$266 61	$365 68	$49 19	$38 60	$34 29	$24 67	$779 04
" West,	1779	C. H. Merrill,	P.	1870	1873	71	120	191	25	10	2	12	3	6	0	9	10	2	236	166	85	50 48	50 98	42 47	8 50	20 38	78 03	250 84
Dover,	1802	Vacant.																										
" West,	1868	H. R. Titus,	S.	....	1882	18	24	42	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	55								5 00
Dummerston,	1779	Josiah Merrill,	A. P.	1848	1880	23	66	89	18	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	80	75	78	24 08	12 80	10 15				47 03
Grafton,	1785	E. J. Ward,	P.	1868	1867	23	52	75	22	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	70	....	60		40 00	19 16				59 16
Guilford East,	1768	Vacant.																										
Jamaica,	1791	Orrin G. Baker,	P.	1878	1878	18	40	*58	8	0	2	2	3	1	0	4	0	0	80	71	80	20 67	17 07	7 57	8 07	9 50	4 00	66 88
Londonderry,	1868	Royal D. Metcalf,	A. P.	1880	1881	6	15	21	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	65	75		10 00					10 00
Marlboro,	1776	N. Richardson,	A. P.	1838	1881	6	12	18	1	6	3	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	50	60	59							
Newfane:—																												
" Fayetteville,	1774	W. W. Nason,	S.	L.	1881	18	59	77	18	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	109	93	70			5 17			24 20	29 37
Putney,	1776	Lincoln Harlow,	P.	1863	1881	21	67	88	12	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	80	91	50	17 50	16 00	10 48			59 00	102 98
Rockingham:—																												
" Saxton's Riv.,	1825	Vacant.				30	52	82	16	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	0		97	87		28 00					28 00
" Bellows Falls,	1850	A. B. Dascomb,	A. P.	1862	1879	43	75	118	30	2	3	5	0	2	2	4	2	2	115	135	65	120 34	124 74	45 00	100 00	21 25	7 05	418 38
" Cambridge'rt,	1868	Vacant.				9	20	29	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	....	50	5 00	2 00				18 00	25 00
Stratton,	1801	Vacant.																										
Townshend,	1777	George Porter,	S.	1862	1877	47	69	116	25	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	136	140	64			16 50				16 50
" West,	1839	George Porter,	S.	1862	1881	15	47	62	4	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	70	77	59	12 10						12 10
Wardsboro	1794	Vacant.																										
Westminster,	1767	Vacant.				27	82	109	30	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	145	145	90	5 25	11 88	5 00			5 00	27 13
" West,	1799	A. Stevens, D. D.,	P.	1843	1842	32	47	79	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	130	100	80	25 00	115 00	27 00			40 00	207 00
Wilmington,	1858	E. E. Rogers,	S.	1879	1881	22	51	73	16	8	0	8	5	1	3	9	4	0	70	65	30	4 00	44 25	5 00			2 00	55 25
Windham.	1805	Amos Holbrook,	A. P.	1866	1881	36	62	98	26	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	1	....	123	85							
Total 21.		6 P., 5 A. P., 4 S.				548	1171	1719	319	32	29	61	29	29	6	64	23	10	1682	1837	1307	$561 03	$838 40	$247 69	$155 17	$85 42	$261 95	$2139 66

Without Charge—Chas. Burnham, Townshend; Amos Foster, Putney; Lewis Grout, W. Brattleboro; Benj. Ober, Brattleboro.

Dismissed—Royal D. Metcalf, South Wardsboro, May, 1881. *Installed*—Lincoln Harlow, Putney, Sept. 14, 1881.

Ordained—A. H. Burnell, Westminster West, June 30, 1881.

Committee on Credentials and Ministerial Standing—Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., Rev. O. G. Baker, Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in September. *Register*—Rev. C. H. Merrill.

13. WINDSOR CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. Henry L. Slack.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Average Congregat'n.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.
Bethel,	1817	Elbridge Gerry,	A. P.	1868	1872	7	41	48	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	69	80	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridgewater,	1793	Rolla G. Bugbee,	A. P.	1876	1880	14	33	47	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	96	64	$8 00	.....	.....	.....	$7 00	.....	$15 00
Chester,	1773	H. L. Slack,	P.	1877	1877	58	122	180	42	1	8	9	2	2	3	7	0	5	175	175	100	103 77	$70 65	$67 30	$5 00	6 00	$68 74	321 46
Hartford,	1786	S. I. Briant,	P.	1868	1875	56	112	168	23	3	2	5	0	2	0	2	1	2	216	176	120	109 10	108 11	154 17	3 60	3 00	15 70	393 68
" West,	1840	Robert D. Miller.	A. P.	1856	1880	24	49	73	31	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	70	....	4 00	10 00	8 25	.....	.....	15 98	38 23
" Quechee,	1831	N. F. Carter,	P.	1867	1879	20	70	90	27	8	2	10	1	1	0	2	7	0	134	130	150	23 16	40 26	39 90	.....	.....	69 16	172 48
Hartland,	1779	C. M. Winch,	P.	1853	1880	9	44	53	7	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	78	65	....	5 01	6 00	8 24	.....	.....	3 00	22 25
Ludlow,	1806	R. B. Grover,	P.	1851	1881	33	81	114	44	2	2	4	0	3	1	4	2	0	137	90	60	47 35	12 35	11 06	.....	.....	77 30	148 06
Norwich,	1819	N. R. Nichols,	A. P.	1872	1880	71	140	211	38	22	0	22	2	6	0	8	13	0	148	140	194	108 00	75 38	37 00	5 00	4 00	117 15	346 53
Pittsfield,	1806	T. S. Hubbard,	S.	1839	1881	20	33	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	40	60	29	.....	19 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	20 00
Plymouth,	1824	Vacant.	.....	....	....	4	6	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pomfret,	1783	W. A. Remele,	S.	L.	1879	15	31	46	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	75	40	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Rochester,	1801	Moses Patten,	A. P.	1860	1881	41	80	121	21	2	3	5	1	0	0	1	2	0	140	117	58	.....	17 70	.....	.....	.....	50 00	67 70
Royalton,	1777	S. W. Dike,	P.	1869	1878	26	65	91	24	1	0	1	5	8	0	13	1	1	111	76	58	66 65	19 00	29 50	.....	.....	20 50	135 65
" South,	1808	S. K. B. Perkins,	A. P.	1869	1876	19	39	58	8	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	100	66	15 00	6 00	.....	.....	3 00	61 67	85 67
Sharon,	1782	E. B. Chamberlain	A. P.	1856	1874	21	57	78	12	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	100	75	52	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	40 00
Springfield,	1781	T. M. Ross,	P.	1866	1877	94	221	315	57	7	2	9	5	9	0	14	5	2	240	222	180	1742 86	1981 08	1425 40	290 13	250 31	151 28	5843 06
Stockbridge,	1827	James Hay,	A. P.	1852	1879	14	36	50	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	70	....	12 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 00
Weathersf. C.,	1775	L. E. Rockwell, M.	S.	....	1880	19	31	50	17	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	65	70	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" E.,	1838	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Ascutneyv.,	1869	Moses H. Wells,	A. P.	1845	1880	12	17	29	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	93	50	30 00	36 00	5 00	.....	.....	10 00	81 00
Weston,	1799	J. R. Flint,	P.	1879	1878	15	23	38	....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	55	46	25	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 75	15 75
Windsor,	1768	Vacant.	.....	....	....	59	100	159	25	1	2	3	4	5	0	9	1	1	111	150	92	82 80	26 00	52 25	.....	.....	.....	161 05
Woodstock,	1781	J. F. Brodie.	A. P.	L.	1881	62	142	204	29	0	2	2	0	3	0	3	0	0	158	165	110	358 52	217 61	186 09	2527 19	18 59	617 86	3925 86
Total, 24		8 P. 10 A. P. 3 S.				713	1556	2289	445	51	26	77	24	44	8	76	34	13	2409	2341	1521	$2740 22	$2673 14	$2024 16	$2830 92	$291 90	$1308 09	$11868 43

Without Charge—Josiah B. Clark, Ludlow; J. S. Chapman, Chester; Aurelius S. Swift, Stockbridge.

Ordained and Installed—Richard B. Grover, Ludlow, Oct. 4, 1881. *Licentiates*—Wm. A. Remele, James F. Brodie.

Deceased—Jonathan Clement, D. D., Norwich, Sept. 6, 1881.

Meeting of Conferenc—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—Rev. Henry L. Slack.

SUMMARY.—JAN. 1, 1882.

CONFER'NCES	CHURCHES.							MINISTERS.								Church Members.				Admitted			Removed.				Bap's.		Sabbath School.	Average Congregation.	Families.	Benevolent Contributions.						
	Total.	With Pastors.	With Acting Pastors.	With Supplies.	Vacant.	Net gain.	Net loss.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Licentiates.	Without Charge.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Exclusion.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.				Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	American Missionary Association.	American College and Education Society.	American Congregational Union.	All other Charities.	Total Contributions.
Addison,	13	4	3	3	3	0	54	4	3	2	2	1	1	2	0	12	676	1202	1878	250	15	8	23	44	32	1	77	10	13	1514	1501	893	$324 87	$857 38	$151 85	$5 49	$49 28	$401 06	$1689 88
Bennington,	11	5	4	1	0	28	0	5	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	11	371	770	1141	198	36	21	57	15	13	1	29	17	18	1232	1053	784	535 39	1337 77	274 60	27 87	125 94	727 16	3028 73
Caledonia,	15	5	7	0	3	15	0	5	6	0	3	0	0	0	1	14	757	1406	2163	494	35	48	83	37	31	0	68	25	24	2278	2134	1313	2044 35	3773 32	654 97	3090 85	178 84	1384 19	11126 52
Chittenden,	17	3	11	0	3	5	0	3	8	1	8	0	0	0	0	19	541	1204	1745	417	44	22	66	26	35	0	61	29	15	2048	2117	968	1273 46	1213 98	356 72	.....	208 10	632 48	3684 74
Essex,	3	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	58	128	186	53	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	2	0	201	185	100	22 87	39 00	4 00	.....	.....	113 01	178 88
Frank. & Gr. I.	12	2	10	0	0	0	13	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	442	738	1180	262	11	6	17	17	11	4	32	1	16	1027	1020	787	631 47	498 53	176 75	12 90	32 30	484 34	1836 29
Lamoille,	8	2	3	1	2	7	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	166	345	511	107	12	17	29	13	9	0	22	9	7	770	580	327	131 43	283 14	189 33	2 03	7 27	65 15	628 35
Orange,	22	6	13	2	1	0	41	6	12	3	3	1	2	0	0	27	654	1363	2017	325	46	19	65	62	43	1	106	36	9	2611	2428	1718	675 86	792 60	227 36	.....	30 00	508 45	2229 27
Orleans,	18	3	13	1	1	21	0	3	10	2	4	0	0	0	1	17	476	879	1355	216	45	30	75	22	28	4	54	29	6	1951	1441	756	218 53	475 54	178 39	7 69	21 00	123 33	974 49
Rutland,	17	3	10	1	1	3	0	2	3	0	4	0	0	0	1	17	787	1517	2304	434	32	47	79	45	33	3	81	21	29	2146	1959	1474	674 30	1757 54	288 46	10 70	57 31	494 27	3242 58
Washington,	14	6	3	2	3	0	5	6	2	0	4	1	1	1	1	12	385	750	1135	203	28	17	45	25	25	0	50	15	11	1468	1325	836	321 67	387 50	114 19	14 61	6 80	334 62	1181 39
Windham,	24	6	5	5	7	0	3	6	5	1	4	0	0	1	0	17	548	1171	1719	319	32	29	61	29	29	6	64	23	10	1682	1837	1307	551 03	838 40	247 69	155 17	83 42	261 95	2139 66
Windsor,	24	8	10	3	3	1	0	8	10	2	3	1	1	0	1	21	715	1576	2289	445	51	26	77	24	44	8	76	34	13	2409	2341	1521	2740 22	2673 14	2024 16	2830 92	291 90	1308 09	11468 43
19	187	53	94	19	31	77	121	54	80	11	37	4	5	7	6	174	6574	13049	19623	3716	389	290	679	362	345	28	725	251	171	21337	19990	12573	10147 45	$14877 79	$4818 57	$6158 14	$1094 16	$6693 10	$43809 21

ASSOCIATIONS.

We give the names of the Congregational Ministers of Vermont in their respective Associations, the dates of their ordination and of the beginning of their membership, their residence, and ministerial employment or relation. Also, so far as known, the organization, name of Register and times of meeting of the Associations. (Only the members *in Vermont* of the Associations intersected by the Connecticut river are given,)

I. ADDISON ASSOCIATION.

GEO. E. HALL, Register. 4th Tuesday January, April, July and October.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
William P. Aiken,	Jan. 14, 1857,	April 27, 1875,	Rutland,	W. C.
Lewis A. Austin,	1842,	Jan. 24, 1881,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Col.
William N. Bacon,	Dec 28, 1859,	April 25, 1865,	Shoreham,	P.
George E. Hall,	Sept. 2, 1875,	July, 1878,	Vergennes,	P.
Cyrus Hamlin,	.....	Oct, 25, 1881,	Middlebury,	Pres. M. Col.
Asa Hemenway,	Jan. 22, 1839,	June 2, 1852,	Manchester,	W. C.
John C. Houghton,	Jan. 15, 1868,	July 22, 1879,	Cornwall,	A. P.
Cephas H. Kent,	Oct. 22, 1828,	Jan. 22, 1862,	New Haven,	W. C.
Stephen Knowlton,	Nov. 2, 1865,	Oct. 22, 1873,	Greensboro,	A. P.
Benjamin Labaree, Jr.,	June 12, 1860,	April 26, 1860,	Oroomiah, Persia,	Mis. Pres. Bd.
Truman A. Merrill,	July 14, 1858,	April 26, 1881,	.....	W. C.
C. S. Sargent,	1879,	Apr. 25, 1882,	Manchester,	Teacher.
Milton L. Severance,	Feb. 17, 1864.	Jan. 26, 1869,	Middlebury,	W. C.
Ebenezer Smith,	Aug. 18, 1846,	Jan. 26, 1870,	Middlebury,	W. C.
S. L. B. Spear,	1874,	Jan. 24, 1882,	Middlebury,	P.
Warren W. Winchester,	March 23, 1854,	Jan. 27, 1867,	Williamst'wn, Ms.,	W. C.
Solon Albee,	Licentiate,	Oct. 26, 1869,	.....	.....
Ezra Brainerd,	Licentiate,	Jan. 26, 1870,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Col.

II. BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION.

1812. A. C. REED, Register. Last Tuesday May, July, Sept., Nov., Jan., March.

Josiah B. Clark,	Dec. 1838,	Sept. 28, 1858,	Ludlow,	W. C.
Isaac Jennings,	June 14, 1843,	May 29, 1854,	Bennington Cen.,	P.
Amos B. Lambert, D. D.,	Nov. 2, 1837,	May 25, 1875,	Rupert,	A. P.
J. Clinton McCollom,	March 24, 1869,	May 25, 1875,	E. Arlington,	A. P.
Lewis C. Partridge,	May 6, 1860,	May 31, 1876,	North Benningt'n,	A. P.
Parsons S. Pratt,	Sept. 29, 1847,	May 26, 1857,	Dorset,	P.
Edwin Griffin Read,	Oct. 11, 1865,	May 31, 1876,	Bennington,	P.
Hollis Read,	Sept. 24, 1829,	May 11, 1880,	Bennington,	W. C.
Charles Redfield,	June 9, 1859,	May 31, 1870,	Vernon, Conn.,	W. C.
Albert C Reed,	June 24, 1863,	May 13, 1879,	Manchester,	P.
Samuel L. Vincent,	Oct. 30, 1880,	Sept. 27, 1881,	Peru,	P.
Joseph D. Wickham, D. D.	July 31, 1823,	Oct. 27, 1840,	Manchester,	W. C.
Henry H. Shaw,	Licentiate,	May 2, 1877,	Brattleboro,	Teacher.

III. CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 10, 1811. A. W. WILD, Scribe. 2d Tuesday January, March, May, Sept. and Nov.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
Benjamin S. Adams,	Nov. 22, 1871,	1877,	Glover,	A. P.
Stephen A. Barnard,	Jan. 13, 1839,	1851,	Lansing, Mich.,	W. C.
Nelson F. Cobleigh,	Aug. 16, 1871,	Jan. 14, 1878,	WallaWalla, W. T.	Home Mis.
Ephraim C. Cummings,	March 17, 1858,	1861,	Portland, Me.,	W. C.
Edward T. Fairbanks,	Jan. 1, 1868,	1868,	St. Johnsbury,	P.
Henry Fairbanks,	Feb. 17, 1858,	1869,	St. Johnsbury,	S.VT Y.M.C.A
Homer T. Fuller,	Jan. 18, 1870,	1871,	St. Johnsbury,	Pr. St. J. A.
Matthew A. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858,	Nov. 12, 1878,	St. Johnsbury,	W. C.
Charles E. Gordon,	May 17, 1876,	Nov. 12, 1878,	East Hardwick,	W. C.
Joseph Hammond,	Aug. 27, 1871,	Nov. 12, 1878,	.....	.....
Calvin B. Hulbert, D. D.	Oct. 20, 1859,	May 9, 1882,	Lyndonville,	A. P.
Henry W. Jones,	May 24, 1866,	1876,	St. Johnsbury,	P.
Charles F. Morse,	Aug. 13, 1856,	May 13, 1879,	McIndoes Falls,	A. P.
Reuben D. Osgood,	Oct. 24, 1871,	Sept. 14, 1880,	Lyndon,	A. P.
Moses Patten,	June 7, 1860,	Sept. 10, 1878,	Rochester,	A. P.
Frederic B. Phelps.	Oct. 18, 1870,	March 9, 1880,	E. St. Johnsbury,	P.
Charles W. Thompson,	July 1, 1869,	1869,	Danville,	P.
Azel W. Wild,	Oct. 26, 1864,	1874,	Charlotte,	A. P.

IV. LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION.

June 1, 1858. W. A. BUSHEE, Register. 1st Tuesday Feb. and 2d Tuesday May and Sept.

Lyman Bartlett,	Aug. 8, 1861,	Oct. 15, 1861,	Cesarea, Turkey,	M.A.B.C.F.M
William A. Bushee,	Aug. 19, 1869,	May 11, 1880,	Morrisville,	P.
Henry O. Dwight,	July 1, 1860,	Dec. 3, 1880,	Const'ntinople, Ty.	M.A.B.C.F.M.
James T. Ford,	Nov. 25, 1857,	June 1, 1858,	San Bern'dino, Cal.	A. P.
George H. French,	Nov. 8, 1871,	Feb. 1, 1872,	Charlestown, N.H.	A. P.
John G. Hale,	Sept. 30, 1852,	March 6, 1878,	San Bern'dino, Cal.	A. P.
Daniel W. Hardy,	Oct. 20, 1874,	May 12, 1874,	Bluehill, Me.,	A. P.
Horace Herrick,	Sept. 4, 1844,	May 15, 1860,	Felchville,	W. C.
Giles F. Montgomery,	Aug. 19, 1863,	Feb. 2, 1864,	Marash, Turkey,	M.A.B.C.F.M.
Benjamin F. Perkins,	Nov. 22, 1865,	May 10, 1870,	Sterling, Ms.,	A. P.
Chauncey J. Richardson,	May 22, 1878,	May 11, 1880,	Wolcott,	A. P.
Azro A. Smith,	Feb. 11, 1864,	Dec. 17, 1879,	Johnson,	P.
Edwin Wheelock.	Jan. 23, 1856.	June 1, 1858,	Cambridge,	A. P

V. MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 9, 1827. WM. S. HAZEN, Scribe. Last Tuesday January, April, July and Oct.

Alanson D. Barber,	Jan 1849,	July 26, 1881,	Montpelier,	Ed. Vt. Ch.
Philo H. Carpenter,	Jan. 21, 1879,	Jan. 28, 1879,	Worcester,	P.
James L. Harrington,	Oct. 25, 1876,	Oct. 31, 1876,	.....	.....
William S. Hazen,	Oct. 12, 1864,	Jan. 31, 1865,	Northfield,	P.
John H. Hincks,	Sept. 27, 1877,	Jan. 29, 1878,	Montpelier,	P.
Alden Ladd,	Feb. 15, 1865,	May 30, 1865,	Berlin,	A. P.
Horace Pratt,	March 28, 1849,	April 26, 1879,	Northfield,	W. C.
Stephen H. Robinson,	Sept. 7, 1877,	April 30, 1878,	Waitsfield,	P.
William Schofield,	Feb. 24, 1874,	July 26, 1881,	Williamstown,	A. P.
Charles S. Smith,	Nov. 13, 1855,	Oct. 31, 1865,	Montpelier,	S.VT. D. M. S.
John F. Stone,	Jan. 21, 1829,	Aug. 28, 1838,	Montpelier,	W. C.
William T. Swinnerton,	Apr. 18, 1877,	Apr. 25, 1882,	Plainfield,	A. P.
Leonard Tenney,	March 19, 1845,	Jan. 28, 1868,	Barre,	Sec. VT. B. S
Frederic L. Small,	Licentiate,	Apr. 26, 1881,	Guildhall,	S.

VI. NORTH WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

A. B. SWIFT, Register. 3d Tuesday January, 2d Tuesday May, and 4th Tuesday September.

James H. Babbitt,	Sept. 10, 1868,	Jan. 15, 1878,	Swanton,	A. P.
Calvin B. Cady,	Nov. 1838,	May 27, 1845,	Georgia,	W. C.
Charles W. Clark,	Jan. 13, 1861,	Sept. 1879,	Georgia,	A. P.
J. K. Fuller,	April 23, 1876,	May 8, 1877,	Bakersfield,	A. P.
Elias W. Hatch,	Sept. 25, 1866,	Jan. 15, 1867,	East Berkshire,	P.
Richard Hicks,	June, 1867,	Jan. 21, 1873,	Alburgh,	A. P.
Alfred B. Swift,	Jan. 9, 1855,	Jan. 20, 1863,	Enosburgh,	A. P.
Charles Van Norden,	Dec 19, 1866,	Jan. 20, 1874,	St. Albans,	P.
Charles P. Watson,	Sept. 9, 1857,	May 8, 1877,	Sheldon,	A. P.
John H. Woodward,	Jan. 31, 1838,	1836,	Milton,	A. P.

VII. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

HENRY CUMMINGS, Scribe. 1st Tuesday February, May and September.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
nder Bates,	March 23, 1864,	May 14, 1872,	Newbury,	P.
lark,	1868,	Oct. 26, 1880,	Bradford,	P.
[. Closson,	June 10, 1871,	Oct. 2, 1878,	Salisbury,	A. P.
Cummings,	July 16, 1851,	May 2, 1876,	Strafford,	P.
Fuller,	Sept. 30, 1830,	Aug. 14, 1855,	Vershire,	W. C.
P. James,	Feb. 16, 1881,	Feb. 7, 1882,	Corinth,	P.
Lyon,	Feb. 4, 1868,	May 2, 1876,	West Newbury,	A. P.
J. Ranslow,	June 23, 1869,	May 8, 1877,	Wells River,	A. P.
homas,	Licentiate,	Feb. 7, 1882,	Vershire,	S.
N. Abbott,	Licentiate,	Feb. 5, 1878,	South Newbury,	.....

VIII. ORLEANS ASSOCIATION.

ilized, June 17, 1823. Register, E. P. WILD. Meetings, 1st Tuesday Jan., May and Aug.

\. Bates,	Sept. 19, 1860,	Feb. 25, 1880,	Barton Landing,	A. P.
R. Bonnell,	July 2, 1878,	June 1, 1881,	Detroit, Mich.,	A. P.
G. Burnham,	Dec. 10, 1879,	May 18, 1880,	S. Freeport, Me.,	A. P.
r S. Butler,	Jan. 3, 1877,	Aug. 21, 1878,	.....	W. C.
i Carr,	Sept. 1, 1880,	June 1, 1881,	Irasburgh,	A. P.
raser,	1852,	.....	West Derby,	A. P.
V. Hall,	Aug. 18, 1835,	Jan. 17, 1882,	Newport,	W. C.
i T. Herrick,	May 28, 1851,	May 20, 1878,	Elizabetht'n, N.Y.,	W. C.
. Howard,	Jan. 19, 1841,	.....	West Charleston,	W. C.
ling,	1850,	Jan. 17, 1882,	Lowell,	A. P.
tch,	Apr. 7, 1867,	.....	Marion, Mass.,	A. P.
ce Phelps,	Sept. 5, 1878,	Feb. 4, 1879,	Barton,	P.
y E. Ranney,	May 1, 1844,	May 18, 1875,	St. Johnsbury Cr.,	W. C.
omerville,	Oct. 1851,	May 19, 1874,	Newport,	W. C.
Stone,	Feb. 16, 1842,	.....	North Troy,	W. C.
N. Walker,	Sept. 28, 1880,	May 31, 1881,	North Troy,	P.
P. Wild,	Oct. 11, 1865,	Aug. 21, 1866,	Newport,	P.
S. Murkland,	Licentiate,	.....	Island Pond,	S.

IX. ROYALTON ASSOCIATION.

an. 7, 1796. V. M. HARDY, Register. 1st Tuesday Feb., 3d Tuesday May and Sept.

B. Chamberlain,	March 12, 1856,	Feb. 8, 1876,	Sharon,	A. P.
W. Dike,	Feb. 3, 1869,	Sept. 1869,	Royalton,	P.
s M. Hardy,	Jan. 31, 1872,	May 18, 1880,	West Randolph,	P.
l E. Herrick,	Feb. 24, 1864,	Feb. 1871,	Chelsea,	P.
K. B. Perkins,	Jan. 11, 1861,	Sept. 18, 1877,	South Royalton,	A. P.
B. Tolman,	July 10, 1862,	Sept. 17, 1878,	Santa BarbaraCal	A. P.
a S. Blaisdell,	1868,	Oct. 2, 1880,	Randolph,	A. P.

X. RUTLAND ASSOCIATION.

L. D. MEARS, Register. 2d Tuesday February, May, September and November.

N. Brainard,	Dec. 22, 1876,	Sept. 14, 1880,	Wallingford,	A. P.
Demeritt,	May 31, 1870,	Feb. 6, 1882,	Castleton,	A. P.
. Flagg,	Sept. 26, 1872,	Feb. 2, 1880,	Fair Haven,	A. P.
Granger,	Aug. 6, 1854,	Feb. 28, 1861,	East Poultney,	A. P.
T. Hooker,	June 17, 1868,	May 10, 1876,	Charleston, S. C.,	A. P.
. Johnson, D. D.,	Dec. 27, 1866,	Sept. 13, 1870,	Rutland,	P.
G. Lyon,	Sept. 23, 1858,	Nov. 11, 1879,	Benson,	A. P.
laynard,	Aug. 6, 1828,	Oct. 10, 1843,	Castleton,	W. C.
C. McIntire,	Sept. 17, 1861,	Feb. 14, 1881,	Pittsford,	P.
D. Mears,	Nov. 8, 1871,	May 8, 1877,	Danby,	A. P.
H. Morse,	May 11, 1864,	Aug. 7, 1877,	Clarendon,	P.
Myrick,	Feb 18, 1846,	May 14, 1872,	Middletown,	A. P.
Rice,	July 25, 1865,	May 10, 1881,	Brandon,	A. P.
F. Rustedt,	Feb. 3, 1841,	Oct. 13, 1857,	Shrewsbury,	W. C.
Stewart,	Sept. 15, 1829,	July 18, 1837,	Pittsford,	W. C.
. Thyng,	Oct. 26, 1852,	Sept. 12, 1877,	Northboro, Ms.,	W. C.
L. Tilden,	March 17, 1830,	May 25, 1880,	Nashua, N. H.,	W. C.
. Williams,	Nov. 22, 1866,	May 11, 1875,	West Rutland,	A. P.
W. Flagg,	Licentiate,	Sept 14, 1881,	So. Ryegate,	S.
Ramage,	Licentiate,	May 17, 1882,	Hydeville,	.....

XI. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

THEODORE C. PEASE, West Lebanon, N. H., Scribe.
2d Tuesday February, April, July, September, October and September.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
S. Ingersoll Briant,	April 22, 1866,	May 11, 1875,	Hartford,	P.
James F. Brodie.	Feb. 21, 1862,	Feb. 14, 1862,	Woodstock, .	P
Nathan F. Carter,	Dec. 17, 1857,	Jan. 27, 1860,	Quechee,	P.
Nathan R. Nichols,	Feb. 1, 1872,	July 13, 1880,	Norwich,	A. P.
Caleb M. Winch,	June 29, 1843,	Dec. 13, 1881,	Lower Waterford,	A. P.

XII. WINDHAM ASSOCIATION.

Oct. 17, 1775. AMOS HOLBROOK, Scribe 1st Tuesday Aug., Nov., Feb., and 3d Tuesday May.

Orrin G. Baker,	Feb. 19, 1878,	May, 1878,	Jamaica,	P.
Charles Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841,	Nov, 1871,	Townshend,	W. C.
Levi G. Chase,	Aug. 24, 1870,	Nov. 2, 1870,	Gil'm't'n I.W. N.H.	A. P.
Alfred B. Dascomb,	Jan. 16, 1862,	Feb. 1, 1881,	Bellows Falls,	A. P.
Artemas C. Field,	June 28, 1866,	May 19, 1874,	Hinesburgh,	A. P.
Amos Foster,	March 2, 1825,	June, 1833,	Putney,	W. C.
Lewis Grout,	Oct. 8, 1846,	Feb. 1858,	West Brattleboro,	Ag't. A. M. A.
Lincoln Harlow,	Aug. 26, 1863,	Nov. 1881,	Putney,	P.
Amos Holbrook,	May 9, 1866,	May, 1877,	Windham,	A. P.
Henry Marden,	Sept. 2, 1869,	Feb. 1878,	Marash, Turkey,	M.A.B C.F.M
George E. Martin,	July 9, 1879,	May, 1881,	Brattleboro,	P.
Charles H. Merrill,	Nov. 1, 1870,	May, 1873,	West Brattleboro,	P.
Josiah Merrill,	March 1, 1848,	Aug. 1881,	Dummerston,	A. P.
Royal D. Metcalf,	May 26, 1880,	Nov. 2, 1880,	No. Londonderry,	A. P.
Benjamin Ober,	Jan. 1, 1834,	Nov. 1880,	Brattleboro,	W. C.
George Porter,	Aug. 25, 1862,	Aug. 6, 1878,	Townshend,	A. P.
Alfred Stevens, D. D.,	Feb. 22, 1843,	May, 1843,	Westminster, W.,	P.
Christopher J. Switzer,	Jan. 10, 1867,	May 13, 1880,	West Townshend,	W. C.
Earl J. Ward,	March 11, 1868,	May 5, 1868,	Grafton,	P.

XIII. WINDSOR ASSOCIATION.

R. D. MILLER, Scribe.

J. S. Chapman,	1869,	Feb. 1876,	Chester,	W. C.
Silas P. Cook,	June 27, 1869,	May, 1870.	Chelsea, Ms.,	P.
Robert D. Miller,	July 2, 1856,	May, 1876,	West Hartford,	A. P.
Robert Samuel,	1859,	Nov. 1872,	Cawker City, Kan.,	W. C.

XIV. WINOOSKI ASSOCIATION.

June 9, 1847. A. HAZEN, Scribe. 3d Monday Jan., March, May, September and November.

Alanson S. Barton,	Oct. 29, 1862,	May, 1877,	Colchester,	A. P.
Lewis O. Brastow, D. D.,	Jan 10, 1861,	May, 1877,	Burlington,	P.
James Buckham,	April 4, 1820,	Jan. 1848,	Burlington,	W. C.
George P. Bylngton,	March 11, 1868,	May, 1870,	Westford,	A. P
John Cowan,	May 25, 1875,	May, 1877,	Essex,	A. P.
Lester H. Elliot,	May 2, 1866,	May 15, 1882,	Keeseville, N. Y.,	A. P.
John D. Emerson,	Oct. 1, 1858,	1879,	Underhill,	A. P.
Samuel F. Emerson,	.....	Jan. 16, 1882,	Burlington,	Prof. U. Vt.
Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848,	1875,	.....N. H.,	W. C.
John E. Goodrich,	May 17, 1864,	Jan. 1869,	Burlington,	Prof. U. Vt.
Austin Hazen,	March 29, 1860,	May, 1865,	Jericho,	A. P.
Edward Hungerford,	Sept. 12, 1871,	.....	Burlington,	
Spencer Marsh,	Nov. 6, 1856,	May, 1857,	Burlington,	W. C.
Franklin W. Olmsted,	July 11, 1848,	1879,	Williston,	A. P.
George B. Safford, D. D.	Sept. 2, 1858,	June, 1863,	Burlington,	P.
Charles M. Seaton,	Sept. 28, 1837,	May, 1853,	Essex Junction,	W. C.
Henry A. P. Torrey,	May 3, 1865,	May, 1869,	Burlington,	Prof. U. Vt.
Orville G. Wheeler,	Nov. 5, 1840,	June, 1847,	South Hero,	P.
John C. Wilder,	July 10, 1836,	Jan. 1850,	Charlotte,	W. C.
Andrew J. Willard,	April, 1857,	May, 1869,	Burlington,	W. C.
John H. Worcester, D. D.	Sept. 5, 1839,	Oct. 1847,	Burlington,	W. C.
M. H. Buckham, D. D.,	Licentiate,	Oct. 1857,	Burlington,	Pres. U. Vt.

WHITE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION, N. H.

CHARLES DUREN, Granby, A. P.

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING,

1882.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. James W. Hickok, Joshua Leavitt, William H. Lord, Thaddeus Fairbanks, J. G. Stimson, and Charles S. Smith, with their associates, being members of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, a society heretofore existing, and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches and communities in the State, in need of assistance in sustaining the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with all the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly paper published in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Passed October 25, 1872.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ———— dollars, in trust, to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, incorporated in October, 1872, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society.

CONSTITUTION.

As Revised and Adopted June 18, 1873.

NAMES.

ART. 1. This Society shall be known by the name of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. II. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying two dollars into its treasury, and his membership shall continue so long as he shall annually pay a like sum. Any person may, at his request, become a Member for Life of the Society, who shall at one time pay twenty dollars or more into its treasury. Congregational ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the treasury of this Society, shall be members, and their membership shall continue so long as such annual contributions are made. All much members shall be entitled to vote.

OBJECT.

ART. III. The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns in the State with the preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

OFFICERS.

ART. IV. The officers of this Society, to be elected annually, shall be a President, Vice President, twelve Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor. The President and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Directors *ex officiis*. These officers shall all hold their offices for a year and till others are elected.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice President, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, to act upon applications coming from churches, asking for aid; make appropriations of money; fill temporarily any vacancy occasioned by the death or resignation of the Secretary, Treasurer or Auditor; have a general superintendence of all the Society's affairs, and make through the Secretary, a report of their doings at each annual meeting.

At their annual meeting the Directors shall appoint five of their own number—one of whom shall be the Secretary—as an Executive Committee, which committee shall have full power to act for the Directors on all matters that may come before them, when the Directors are not in session.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

ART. VII. The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society and of the Directors; keep a true record of their doings and call meetings of the Society, Directors, and Executive Committee.

He shall secure, as far as possible, collections and donations from churches and individuals; visit destitute communities to ascertain their needs; direct itinerant missionaries to their fields; draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Directors or Executive Committee, and make an annual report to the Society of the doings of the Directors, and the condition of the missionary work.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society; take care of and invest the permanent funds; lease, or convey by deed, real estate belonging to the Society, when so ordered by the Directors or Executive Committee; and exhibit at the annual meeting an audited account of the condition of the treasury, make a statement of the amount of permanent funds, and how they are invested. He shall hold his books open for inspection when requested by any member of the Society, and shall give bonds when required by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF AUDITOR.

ART. IX. The Auditor shall carefully audit the Treasurer's book every year, before the annual meeting of the Society, and report also on the amount of the permanent funds, and the form of their investment.

MEETINGS.

Meetings of Society.

ART. X. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, for the election of officers and the transaction of any necessary business, on the Wednesday succeeding the second Tuesday in June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.. at the same place where the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont holds its annual meeting. Two several notices shall be given by the Secretary, of the time and place of holding this meeting, in some newspaper generally circulated in this State.

Meetings of Directors.

The Directors shall hold an annual meeting on the same day of the annual meeting of the Society, at such time as the Secretary shall give notice to the Directors, personally or by public notice, at the annual meeting of the Society. They may adjourn or meet at such other time as they see fit, or as they may be called together by the Secretary, notice being given them in writing, one week before the time of meeting.

Meetings of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as they may appoint, and whenever the Secretary may call them together; and they shall have power to call meetings of the Society or Directors, in case of the death, resignation, or absence of the Secretary.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

ART. XI. The object of this Society shall not be changed, but this Constitution may be altered or amended, on a proposal of the Directors, at any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS,

JUNE 17, 1873.

RULE 1. Churches asking for aid, must first subscribe one hundred and twenty-five per cent. on their grand list, unless in very exceptional cases.

RULE 2. No church in debt for past ministerial services shall receive aid.

RULE 3. Appropriations shall not be made for a longer period than twelve months, and shall not, except in special cases, date back of the time of application.

RULE 4. A contribution for Home Missions is required from every aided church each year. It is expected that contributions will also be taken by each aided church for other leading objects of Christian benevolence.

RULE 6. Every application must contain answers to the following questions, viz.:

(1.) Name of minister employed?
(2.) Number of members of the church?
(3.) Usual attendance on public worship?
(4.) Amount of the grand list of the church?
(5.) Amount actually subscribed by the church for preaching?
(6.) Amount subscribed by those not members of the church?
(7.) Is aid expected from any other source?
(8.) Least amount of aid that will suffice from this Society?
(9.) Is the church in debt for past ministerial services? If so, how much? and to whom?
(10.) From what date is aid asked?

RULE 7. On the expiration of an appropriation, if aid is still needed, a new application must be made, containing an explicit answer to all of the above questions.

RULE 8. All missionaries, when required, shall furnish satisfactory testimonials of church and ministerial standing.

RULE 9. A statistical report shall be made by each missionary before the first of June of each year, and when he leaves his field, if it is before the close of the Society's year.

RULE 10. Missionaries shall not be entitled to receive payments from this Society till they have made a written report to the Secretary of their services for the period for which such payment is due. Those who wish quarterly payments must make quarterly reports.

RULE 11. Missionaries must reside with the people to whom they preach. If they serve two or more churches, they must live with one of them.

RULE 12. The Secretary shall engage itinerant laborers, as they may be needed, for destitute fields, who shall be guaranteed seven dollars per week, and their fare one way, not to exceed ten dollars. The people with whom they labor shall, in all cases, provide board, and pay as large a part of the salary as possible.

Churches receiving aid are requested to arrange as far as practicable, their contracts with their ministers, so that their year may commence with the first of June, in order that all applications for the renewal of grants may be made before the annual meeting.

Any church wishing to apply for aid should send to the Secretary for a blank form of application.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held in the Congregational Church, at Manchester, Vt., June 14th, 1882, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in accordance with a notice published in three successive issues of the VERMONT CHRONICLE next preceding the time of meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, the President.

After the singing of a hymn, and a prayer by Rev. Thomas M. Boss, of Springfield, a committee of three were appointed to nominate officers for the year ensuing, viz.: Rev. S. L. Bates, Hon. Joseph Poland and Rev. P. S. Pratt.

In the absence of the Treasurer, J. C. Emery, Esq., his Report was read by Rev. W. S. Hazen. On motion, it was accepted, and ordered to be printed. [This Report, with that of the Auditor, will be found in this pamphlet, immediately following the Directors' Report.]

The Directors' Report was then read by the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Smith, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed. While the above motion was pending, an address was made by Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D., followed by remarks by Rev. Messrs. Lewis C. Partridge, John F. Stone, James H. Babbitt, Lawrence Phelps, Royal D. Metcalf, Samuel W. Dike, Jos. D. Wickham, D. D., Azel W. Wild, A. Stevens, D. D., and C. S. Smith.

On motion of Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D., the following resolution was unanimously adopted without discussion, viz:

Resolved, That the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society express their conviction that the efficiency of the American Home Missionary Society would be greatly promoted, and its harmonious relations to

the Churches would be increased by the retirement of Rev. Henry M. Storrs, D. D., from the Secretaryship, to which he was re-elected at the recent annual meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented the following list of officers for the year ensuing, which report was unanimously adopted and the several individuals declared to be elected to the offices named, viz:

President—HON. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, St. Johnsbury.
Vice President—REV. C. B. HULBERT, D. D., Lyndonville.
Secretary—REV. C. S. SMITH, Montpelier.
Treasurer—J. C. EMERY, ESQ., Montpelier.
Auditor—HON. JOHN A. PAGE, Montpelier.

Directors—Rev. W. S. HAZEN, Rev. A. W. WILD, Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, D. D., Rev. G. B. SAFFORD, D. D., Rev. I. JENNINGS, Rev. S. W. DIKE, Rev. L. TENNEY, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, Ph. D., Dea. JOSEPH ATKINSON, Hon. JOSEPH POLAND and Rev. A. A. SMITH.

Directors Ex-officiis—Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, President, and Rev. C. S. SMITH, Secretary.

After taking the annual collection, and singing a hymn, on motion the meeting adjourned. C. S. SMITH, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

In closing the Sixty-fourth year of Missionary labor, the Directors respectfully submit their Annual Report.

One of our number, Rev. Clark E. Ferrin, who was for twenty years a Director of this Society, has been called to his reward. He was a man of scholarly habits, wise in counsel and a faithful and esteemed minister of Christ.

THE TREASURY.

At the beginning of the year we had in the Treasury $1,328.39. The small receipts during the summer months found us with an empty treasury in the fall, and through the entire winter we were behind in our payments to the Missionaries. It is only till within three weeks that we have had any surplus in the treasury. Through the favor of some generous donors we are able to report all pledges paid and a goodly balance with which to enter upon a new year.

The receipts have been—

For the Ordinary Department	$5,988.99
For the Itinerant Department	500.00
From the Itinerant Fields	197.55
From legacies	1,700.00
From notes, interest and dividends	672.00
Making the receipts	$9,058.54

To which if we add the balance in the Treasury at the beginning of the year of $1,328.39, it gives as the total resources of the year. $10,386.93.

This is ($186.44) less than was received from the same sources last year.

The disbursements have been—

In the Ordinary Department	$7,792 69
In the Itinerant Department	432 50
Sent to the American Home Missionary Society	145 79
Making the total disbursements	$8,370 98
Leaving a balance in the Treasury of	$2,015 95

There have been sent directly to the American Home Missionary Society from the State, without passing through our Treasury, in contributions and donations, $2,212.23; in legacies, $3,496.00: in all, $5,708.23, which is $1,927.13 more than was sent the year previous. The increase has been mostly in legacies.

The whole amount given in the State, for both State and National work within the year, has been $14,766.77, which as a gain over what was reported a year ago of $1,451.90.

An examination of the contributions shows that one hundred and thirty-seven churches have sent something to our treasury; forty-four have contributed to the treasury of the National Society, thirty-three have contributed to both, and forty-nine to neither. The forty-nine non-contributing churches include several that are quite feeble. The aided churches have returned $528.39 in contributions to our treasury, having given $1,439.50 to the different objects of Christian benevolence.

The whole amount, for both State and National work contributed in the State during the year, including receipts from legacies, amounts to an average of eighty-six cents a number for all of the members of our churches. Leaving out legacies it amounts to fifty-four cents a member. This is a gain of three cents a member over the previous year.

We are glad to acknowledge the receipt of $381.76 from the Christian women, either through some organization or by personal donation. We expect to be able, from year to year, to chronicle an increase from this source as our women take up the home work with the same interest they manifest in the foreign.

Our contributions for the home work should average not less than *one dollar* a member for all the members of our churches. To do less than that is to fail of doing our proportion of the work.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

The following table will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields occupied during the year, with brief notices of each:

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED FIELDS.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length of Commission.	Aid pledged.	Months of Labor.	Hopeful Conversions.	Added		Rem'od			Resident Members.	Male Members.	Non-Residents.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath School.	Contributions	
								By Confession.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excluded.						Home Missions.	Other Objects.
1	Alburgh	Richard Hicks	June 1, 1881	12	$200	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	54	13	28	90	110	$16 50	$63 60
2	Arlington East	Horace Pratt	Aug. 20, 1881	6	100	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	6	9	50	30	15 00	.....
3	Berlin West	Alden Ladd	Sept. 1, 1882	12	100	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	4	1	35	25	.....	.....
4	Braintree Hill	Lorenzo D. Place	Sept. 1, 1881	12	200	9	4	0	0	1	2	0	24	9	13	40	42	9 00	.....
5	Bridgewater	Rolla G. Bugbee	Jan. 1, 1882	12	275	12	4	2	0	2	0	0	47	14	16	95	62	6 00	8 00
6	Cambridgeport	Amos Holbrook	Dec. 1, 1881	12	100	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	20	7	9	50	76	.....	12 73
7	Charleston West	Wm. T. Herrick	June 1, 1881	12	150	12	6	0	0	1	0	0	52	20	27	80	90	37 50	148 29
8	Colchester	Alanson S. Barton	Jan. 1, 1882	12	150	12	0	6	0	2	0	0	45	8	16	70	75	30 00	64 00
9	Danby	Lucian D. Mears	April 1, 1882	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	4	8	42	55	9 00	10 51
10	Dorset East	James L. Harrington	July 1, 1881	12	175	12	0	0	0	10	1	0	23	8	2	60	70	7 00	98 80
11	Gaysville	James Hay	May 1, 1882	6	150	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	39	12	8	80	84	12 00	11 00
12	Granby and Victory	Charles Duren	May 1, 1882	12	200	12	0	0	0	2	2	0	27	10	5	45	56	12 28	39 60
13	Guildhall	Frederick L. Small	May 1, 1882	12	150	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	11	17	74	73	5 00	.....
14	Hartland	Caleb M. Winch	Mar. 1, 1881	12	175	9	0	0	0	5	2	0	42	4	6	60	75	8 00	8 00
15	Holland	John Fraser	Sept. 1, 1881	12	150	12	30	16	0	2	0	0	39	15	9	70	80	18 50	86 76
16	Hubbardton	Robert C. Allison	April 1, 1882	12	125	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	18	8	12	45	45	3 00	.....
17	Hyde Park North	Azro A. Smith	May 1, 1881	12	75	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4	10	65	155	6 78	.....
18	Island Pond	Spencer Bonnell	June 1, 1881	12	200	11	0	0	3	2	0	0	25	4	1	75	50	10 00	100 00
19	Jamaica	Orrin G. Baker	Jan. 1, 1882	12	200	12	3	0	4	0	2	0	51	16	9	70	80	19 64	64 95
20	Kirby	Reuben D. Osgood	June 1, 1881	12	125	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	18	10	11	29	32	9 50	8 75
21	Lyndonville	Calvin B. Hulbert	May 1, 1881	12	200	12	6	13	16	3	4	0	133	36	20	150	130	13 65	22 00

24	Marlboro	Nathaniel Richards	Nov.	1,	1881	12	200	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	19	5	0	45	30	5 00	.....
25	Marshfield	Paul H. Pitkin	Feb.	1,	1881	12	200	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	33	11	14	46	50	.....	26 00
26	Middletown	Osborn Myrick	Nov.	1,	1881	12	100	12	1	0	3	3	3	0	..	59	17	110	40	21 00	19 00
27	Montgomery Centre	Elias W. Hatch	June	1,	1881	12	125	12	2	0	0	0	0	1	24	9	8	47	45	5 00	5 00
28	Morgan	Wm. T. Herrick	June	1,	1881	12	50	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	15	3	5	60	70	12 50	10 50
29	Newbury West	Amzi B. Lyon	June	1,	1881	12	175	12	3	1	0	0	2	0	43	15	4	70	70	22 95	81 74
30	Orange	Frederick L. Small	June	1,	1881	12	250	11	3	0	2	0	0	0	59	22	6	85	14	7 78	9 00
31	Plainfield	Clark E. Ferrin	Oct.	1,	1880	12	200	4	..	...	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	. ....	.....
		Wm. S. Swinnerton	Nov.	1,	1881	12	200	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	37	15	7	90	85	8 00	.....
32	*Roxbury	Charles H. Covell	Jan.	1,	1881	12	200	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	11	13	67	82	.....	.. ..
		Henry C. Howard	April	1,	1882	12	200	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	29	9	12	...	.	14 00	25 00
33	Royalton South	Sidney K. B. Perkins	Sept.	1,	1881	12	175	12	1	3	0	1	0	0	50	17	9	10	22	15 00	60 67
34	St. Johnsbury Center	Joseph Hammond	July	1,	1881	12	175	12	3	3	1	0	1	0	59	21	20	90	60	20 00	25 00
35	Troy	Joseph N. Walker	Jan.	1,	1882	12	12	12	1	1	0	0	1	0	8	1	0	40	35	.....	.....
36	Tunbridge	Sidney K. B. Perkins	Jan.	1,	1882	12	100	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	33	7	6	57	60	5 70	25 00
37	Vershire	Evan Thomas	July	1,	1881	12	175	12	8	15	6	0	1	0	48	18	..	60	60	24 00	20 00
38	West Fairlee	Chalmers H. Cooledge	Aug.	1,	1881	12	200	10	0	0	2	2	1	0	46	20	26	60	80	10 00	14 41
39	Weston	Joseph R. Flint	June	1,	1881	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	15	6	49	50	14 00	16 00
40	Williston	Frederick W. Olmstead	July	1,	1881	12	150	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	46	22	21	54	30	13 10	30 00
41	Wolcott	Chauncey J. Richardson	Mar.	1,	1881	12	175	12	0	0	1	0	1	0	35		28	51	80	14 12	12 93
42	Woodbury	Herbert R. Howes	Dec.	1,	1881	12	200	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	10	5	65	50	10 00	.....
43	Worcester	Philo H. Carpenter	June	1,	1881	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	10	8	70	50	13 60	13 19

*The money to aid this church was given by a liberal donor expressly for this purpose. The Directors did not feel justified in appropriating the regular contributions from the churches in this case, as the acting pastor belongs to another denomination.

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBURGH. The Sabbath services and Sabbath school have been well sustained, and there has been a good degree of prosperity in outward things, but some lack of zeal in things spiritual. "The high prices of beans, hay and produce have given a greater joy than the joy of Christian fellowship and communion with God."

2. ARLINGTON EAST. Rev. Horace Pratt ministered to this people seven and a half months. The church have engaged the services of their former minister, Rev. J. C. McCollom, for the year to come.

3. BERLIN WEST. This is a small church, existing by the side of a small Methodist church, in a community of so limited a population that there is need of only one church. Rev. A. Ladd, who preaches at Berlin, has ministered Sabbath afternoons to this little flock. It is only by being coupled with some other church that they can hope for regular preaching. How long the people in this community can afford to attempt to keep up two churches is a question for them seriously to consider.

4. BRAINTREE HILL. Since the first of September this church has enjoyed the stated preaching of the gospel. The attendance on public worship has been larger than heretofore. The church and community have met with a great loss in the removal of Dea. J. S. Nichols to Brookfield. He is not, however so far away but that by his occasional presence and help he may still benefit the church he has so loved.

5. BRIDGEWATER. Stated preaching has been sustained through the year, with good attendance on the means of grace.

6. CAMBRIDGEPORT. By the removal of Rev. Amos Holbrook, in October last, from this field and Saxton's River, it was left without a minister. This church is too feeble to sustain a minister alone. As the present minister at Saxton's River did not feel able to preach to this church also, it is necessarily left without Congregational preaching. The Methodists sustain worship, so that the people have the preaching of the gospel.

7. CHARLESTON WEST. More than usual religious interest was manifest in the early part of the winter in connection with special revival meetings. A few were hopefully converted. The missionary who has labored here faithfully for seven and a half years retires from the field. This church and the one at Derby are considering the ques-

tion of uniting in engaging the same minister. If they should do so, it is believed that missionary aid would no longer be needed by this church.

8. COLCHESTER. The missionary writes, "The small number of male members, scattered as they are, and our being destitute of a vestry make it almost impossible to maintain weekly prayer-meetings during the whole year."

For the want of his usual health, the missionary has been unable to preach for the last few Sabbaths.

9. DANBY. There was a quickened religious condition during the week of prayer, the good effects of which were felt for months, though no revival occurred. The missionary, who has labored most patiently and faithfully, writes, "Aside from the fact that there has been no real revival, I can clearly report the year as an encouraging one. The attendance has been good on both the regular Sabbath services." The church is slowly securing for itself a standing and character in the community which promises well for the future.

10. DORSET EAST. The death of one member, and the removal of several others, who were able supports, leaves this church much weakened and discouraged. Its present acting pastor expects to close his labors here in July. There can be no question that public worship should be sustained at this point, and the church should be determined in its purpose to do so.

11. GAYSVILLE. Public worship has been maintained regularly through the year with good attendance. "No changes of any note save the removal of some of the congregation to other places and the coming into meetings more frequently of those not identified with the church."

12. GRANBY AND VICTORY. A small church in sparsely-settled towns fruitful of good mainly in what it does for the young. It has furnished a large number of school-teachers. Two of its sons are now in preparation for the work of the gospel ministry, one of whom is this summer supplying one of the home missionary churches in the State as an itinerant laborer.

13. GUILDHALL. After having been without a pastor for nearly a year, this church were prepared to welcome and appreciate the services of Mr. Small, who is now with them, and enters npon his work with prospects of usefulness.

14. HARTLAND. The pastor was dismissed in February. The church have had no preaching since, and are in a discouraged state. With more faith and a united, determined purpose to sustain preaching, the way would clear up before them, and obstacles vanish away or be surmounted.

15. HOLLAND. It is pleasant to record an unusual religious interest in connection with this church, by which it has received some enlargement and increase of harmony. The missionary writes, "There have been sixteen additions to the church on profession of faith. Of these five are husbands, whose wives united with them. Three others are heads of families. Several more have signified their wish to join the church; some of them also in middle life. Difficulties in neighborhoods and families have been removed. The state of the field seems more hopeful than at any time since I came here."

16. HUBBARDTON. After some months' destitution, this church church obtained the services of Rev. J. C. Allison, who now ministers to them.

17. HYDE PARK NORTH. The missionary reports the congregations as well kept up through the year, and the Sabbath-school as having increased in interest. A serious loss has been experienced in the removal from town of the superintendent. As the Methodists have seen best to send a minister there for the coming year, though they have no house of worship, and are dependent upon the courtesy of the Congregationalists for a house to meet in, Mr. Smith thought it unwise to divide the people and keep up a sectarian spirit, and so has discontinued his labors for the present. There should be some principles of Christian comity, universally acknowledged by all evangelical denominations, and rigorously adhered to in such communities.

18. ISLAND POND. Rev. Mr. Bonnell closed his labors here in the early spring, and the church has since been supplied by a theological student. Some increase of financial ability is reported, and hopes for improvement in other respects.

19. JAMAICA. The society is free from debt. A new carpet has been purchased at an expense of $150. The parsonage is kept in good repair, and steps are being taken to repaint the church. The salary is fully raised at the beginning of the year, and promptly paid. The cause of temperance has received attention, and a Children's Mission Circle has been organized.

20. KIRBY. This "little light among the hills" has been somewhat dimmed the past year, by the removal from town of one of its deacons, and another family of three members. They are, however, favored with a continuance of the preached gospel.

21. LYNDONVILLE. An earnest effort has been made to clear the church of a heavy debt which has weighed it down for some years. By the aid of the Congregational Union, and the earnest efforts of the acting pastor, Rev. C. B. Hulbert, D. D., this has been accomplished. The church has also added to its numbers, and has had an increasing congregation and a flourishing Sabbath-school. The evening congregations have been very large. Arrangements have been made for Dr. Hulbert to preach the coming year, Sabbath mornings, at East Burke, to give that church, if possible, a new and prolonged life.

22. LONDONDERRY. This church furnishes the only convenient place of worship for a population of from 350 to 400. The parsonage has been repainted. A present of lamps for the church, has been received from Dea. C. F. Thompson, of Brattleboro, who also aided the ladies of the church in purchasing a new chapel organ. As the result of pastoral labors some new families have been brought to the sanctuary. The missionary is encouraged by advancement in several directions.

23. LUDLOW. The church has found favor of the Lord in obtaining and ordaining a pastor. A temperance society has been organized among the boys, and a "Mission Circle" among the young ladies and children. The church has adopted a set of rules for its government, and a form to be used in the admission of members to church fellowship. Much interest has been manifested in attendance upon public worship and in the study of the Word in the Sabbath-school. Contributions for religious purposes have largely increased.

24. MARLBORO. This church employed a Methodist minister for several years. There was some religious interest reckoned not summer by the preaching, for a few weeks, of Mr. Prescott, a lay evangelist from Boston. The church afterwards secured the services of Rev. N. Richardson, who has labored with them through the winter and spring, gathering in some, and helping to comfort the faith of others. On the whole, the prospects look brighter than for several years past.

25. MARSHFIELD. The loss of some who were supporters of public worship, together with the dismission of the pastor, has seriously discouraged this church. Some of its members [illegible] and some of

their being able to support another minister. The most hopeful plan for them is to secure the services of the acting pastor of the church in Cabot for one service each Sabbath.

25. MIDDLETOWN. The parsonage has been repaired and painted. During the last six months of the year no other preaching was sustained in the village. The church are harmonious. The community are externally prosperous. We think that another year this church should voluntarily assume self-support, and we confidently expect that they will.

27. MONTGOMERY CENTRE. Somewhat extensive repairs have been made on the house of worship. It has been placed on a better location. The windows, desk and orchestra are new. The ladies have raised funds for a new carpet and lamps. The building needs some other external repairs and a new coat of paint. The material building being thus put in order and beautified, there is now need of special labor for the growth and adornment of the spiritual temple.

28. MORGAN. This church suffers, with the church in Charleston, the loss of its pastor, just at the close of the year. For a church so weak this is a serious loss. We see of no way by which it can be supplied with Congregational preaching except by uniting with some church, as it has done for some years, in employing the same minister. This town has two feeble evangelical churches of different denominations, where the strength of the two ought to be united in one. A cordial union of this kind would help illustrate the oneness of Christ's disciples and promote the efficiency of the church.

29. NEWBURY WEST. The missionary reports about the usual attendance upon public worship and a general interest in religion, but refers to some disturbances of the peace and harmony of the community which are to be regretted.

30. ORANGE. A parsonage is a great want here, there being no convenient and certain house in which a pastor can live. Meetings have been well kept up during the year, a mid-week and cottage prayer-meeting being among them. The missionary left at the close of his year for another missionary church. He says, "Of the eighty families, which I consider as belonging to this parish, all but six have been more or less represented at the preaching service. The church is young and financially weak, and needs educating in Christian work and systematic giving for religious purposes."

31. PLAINFIELD. Rev. Clark E. Ferrin, D. D., the pastor of this church, was called away early in the year by death, much to the sorrow of his flock. They were successful, however, with no long delay, in securing a successor in whom they are united, and from whose labors they hope for good results. The church edifice has been put in good repair, carpeted, painted, papered, etc., through the liberality of Mr. Harvey Fisk, of New York, whose father formerly ministered to this church.

32. ROXBURY. Rev. C. H. Covell closed his labors in August. Through the fall and winter meetings were regularly held, with preaching part of the time. This spring the church have employed Rev. Henry C. Howard, a Christian minister, a native of the town, and well known by the church as a faithful and evangelical minister. The aid given toward his support is not appropriated by the directors from the general fund, but is given for this special purpose by a gentleman who feels a deep interest in sustaining our feeble churches.

33. ROYALTON SOUTH. "The Sabbath services are well attended, and the Sabbath-school is sustained with great interest. An organ has been procured, partly through the liberality of a friend in Massachusetts. There has been an increase in the amount given for benevolent objects. The prospects of this field were never more full of promise."

34. ST. JOHNSBURY CENTRE. A good degree of outward prosperity has attended the church. "They have lost, by death and removal, several families who aided materially in supporting the Gospel. This loss is only partly made up by new comers. Funds are now being collected to re-shingle the church and make other needed repairs." There is a probability that the missionary, at the close of his year. will leave this field.

35. TROY. The work of fitting up a room for social meetings has been commenced by this feeble church. It is a sign of life and courage. They have been supplied, with the church in North Troy, by the labors of Rev. Joseph N. Walker.

36. TUNBRIDGE. The missionary reports, "This has been a year of growth as it respects the Sabbath-school and congregation. A new pulpit has been procured, and a gentleman has presented the church with a clock for use in the Sabbath-school. Meetings have been held in two out-districts."

Since the close of the year a desolating tornado swept through this valley, seriously damaging this house of worship. The windows were blown in, and the force of the wind nearly blew the rear end of the church out, causing it to bulge badly, and so wrecking the plastering that it will require several hundred dollars to repair the injuries. We commend this church, in its misfortune, to the favor and kind remembrance of the benevolent.

37. VERSHIRE. Unusual spiritual prosperity has been granted to this church. A precious revival has been enjoyed and the church been enlarged. They are feeling the need of a new house of worship, the hall in which they held services not meeting all their needs.

38. WEST FAIRLEE. A serious division has taken place in this church, already too feeble to sustain preaching without help. Some of its disaffected members applied for admission to a neighboring church, and contrary to good order and all Congregational usage, have been received to membership without letters of dismission. It is not thus that church fellowship is promoted and the order and discipline of Christ's house are sustained. Preaching has been sustained since August.

39. WESTON. After a three years' ministry the missionary leaves this field. There has been a gradual improvement in the temporal affairs of the church and in a feeling of harmony. They are united and ready for another laborer.

40. WILLISTON. The missionary, by reason of severe facial neuralgia, has been obliged to confine his labors mostly to the preaching of a single sermon on the Sabbath. The church has lost somewhat in financial ability and in numbers, there having been almost no additions for several years. The members need to be watchful and by diligent labor seek to "strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die."

41. WOLCOTT. The missionary has multiplied his usefulness by becoming dual instead of remaining single. The repairs on the house of worship have been completed, at a cost of about $500, and all paid for. At the request of the missionary, $25, less missionary aid, is asked for the coming year. He writes, "The spiritual state of the community has been discouragingly uniform and low, not, however, without tokens of blessings received. The church has lost by removals from the community and encountered some opposition from without."

42. WOODBURY. The suspension of the labors of the missionary before the close of his year became necessary by reason of occurrences which destroyed his usefulness. This little church has been called to meet some severe trials, and needs much of the patience and meekness of Christ. They are now supplied by an itinerant laborer.

43. WORCESTER. The pastor writes, "Although unable to report any special revival, I think the general religious interest is favorably sustained. A good feeling of fellowship exists among the brethren. Though our laborers are few, and from time to time some move away or are removed by death, yet our prospects are not without encouragements."

ITINERANT FIELDS.

In the following fields itinerant laborers have been during the year or are now employed:

BRUNSWICK AND MAIDSTONE. Mr. Pliny B. Fisk spent fourteen weeks in these two towns last summer, holding meetings in school-houses and visiting the people at their homes. The regular places of worship were at the school-house near the Springs; at the one next south on the river road, and at a private house on Norris Hill—a district the farthest from and most completely destitute of gospel privileges of them all. There are but few Christian people in the limits of Mr. Fisk's labors. The people are scattered, and but few care to sustain or attend public worship. The missionary closes his report as follows: "I confess I have not great faith in the practicability, so to speak, of the work in this field, yet I do not like to advise against it lest I should seem to limit the grace of God or discourage the Christian zeal and enterprise of man." It would seem as though something might be done for the spiritual good of this region by the churches at Guildhall.

ORANGE. Since Mr. Small left this field, a student from Oberlin, Mr. F. G. Appleton, has been engaged to supply them for the summer. Mr. Appleton is a native of Vermont, a son of the little missionary church in Granby. It is hoped that by the time his term of service expires some arrangements may be made for a permanent supply for this church.

PITTSFIELD. A student, Mr. F. A. Holden, supplied this church last summer, whose entire expenses the church paid. Rev. T. S. Hubbard supplied them through the winter with no cost to this society. An arrangement has been made with Mr. Clifford H. Smith, a

recent graduate of Yale Divinity School, to preach for a year to come, one-half of the time for this church—one sermon every Sabbath. The church raise $250; the Missionary Society add to that $50.

PLYMOUTH. This church, which has so long been without regular preaching, now have services every Sabbath afternoon, conducted by Rev. R. B. Grover, of Ludlow. They are held at Tyson Furnace, and it is to be hoped that this church may again have more than a name to live. Seventy-five dollars are appropriated to this field.

SHERBURNE. Mr. Clifford H. Smith preached, with great acceptance, here last season. There is no church organization, but they have a meeting-house. The people were so much interested in Mr. Smith's preaching last summer that they have urged him to return this spring and remain with them for a year. For this purpose they have raised $250. Mr. Smith unites this field with Pittsfield, and ministers to the two, the Missionary Society aiding each $50.

UPPER WATERFORD. A community exists here having a house of worship but no church organization, and have in the past manifested but little interest in sustaining, for any length of time, public worship. Mr. Charles H. Morse preached for them last summer for fourteen weeks, with great acceptance. The people raised toward his support $53.50, besides board. There was an average attendance of sixty-five at the preaching service, and thirty-seven at the Sunday-school. No efforts were made to continue meetings after he left. Rev. C. M. Winch, who preaches at Lower Waterford, has commenced holding meetings there this season.

WARDSBORO SOUTH. This church had no preaching through the winter and spring, having been unable to find any one to serve them in the work of the ministry. They are supplied this summer by Elisha S. Fiske, a student from Yale Divinity School.

WESTON. The pastor of this church was dismissed in May, and removed from the State. Finding it impossible to supply his place at once with any other minister, the church applied for a student. Elias H. Sneath, of Yale Divinity School, was sent them for the summer.

WOODBURY. As this church was left destitute in the fall, and no one being secured to take up the work, the secretary kept them supplied every alternate Sabbath through the winter and spring. Mr. Charles H. Morse, a graduate from Hartford Theological Seminary, is preaching for them this summer.

SUMMARY.

WORK OF THE YEAR.

From the annual reports received from the aided churches we gather the following facts:

Fifty-one laborers have been employed in different fields, proclaiming the gospel of the Son of God on each returning Sabbath, to an average congregation of 2903 persons, and gathering into Sabbath-schools, for the study of God's word, 3170 different individuals.

While there has been a good degree of outward prosperity in the missionary churches, and faithful labor has been performed, fewer spiritual results than usual appear in the number of those brought into the Kingdom. Eighty-six are reported as having entered upon the new life. Seventy-five have joined the churches on confession of faith and forty-six by letter, making a total addition of one hundred and twenty-one. There have been removed, by letter, forty-five; by death, thirty-seven, and by discipline, three—eighty-three in all—leaving a net gain in membership of thirty-six. Only two churches report anything like a revival. These are Holland and Vershire. In each case aid was rendered by an evangelist. In about one-half of the churches—twenty-five—no case of conversion or addition by confession is reported. The causes of this lack of spiritual results should be a matter of serious enquiry by all the churches and ministers concerned.

One pastor has been settled, three have been dismissed, and one has died. Two churches have parted with their ministers within or just at the close of the year. Two only of these have secured ordained ministers to take the places of those that have left. Four of them are temporarily supplied by students. The remainder are without ministers. The average length of the ten pastorates and acting pastorates, that terminated during the year, was three and a half years each. The ancient and once prosperous church in Marlboro, after having been without Congregational preaching for many years, has been revived, and now has an acting pastor.

ITINERANT WORK.

Itinerant laborers were engaged last summer in Brunswick and Maidstone, Upper Waterford, Pittsfield and Sherburne. The two latter fields are now united for a year under Mr. Clifford H. Smith,

who preached last summer with great acceptance in Sherburne, and has since graduated from Yale Theological Seminary. Brunswick and Maidstone have as yet yielded but little fruit, and but a small proportion of the people manifest an interest in sustaining public worship. The attendance at Upper Waterford and Sherburne was good. On account of the want of ordained ministers, students are at work this summer in South Wardsboro, Weston, Orange and Woodbury.

MORE LABORERS NEEDED.

It becomes increasingly difficult to supply our smaller churches with efficient and acceptable ministers. Several of them have been destitute nearly or quite the entire year. *The lack of ministers is the greatest present obstacle we have in the prosecution of our missionary work.* The number of new men coming into the ministry is not equal to the wants of the churches. Moreover, the comforts enjoyed, the tastes formed and the whole atmosphere surrounding young men, while pursuing their theological studies, are not such as to develop in them a spirit of self-denial, or make the work of preaching the gospel to the poor, where personal sacrifice is required, at all attractive. As a consequence, the want of ministers is first felt in the smaller country churches that can offer a salary of only from $500 to $700. There are not less than sixteen churches belonging to this class that ought and desire to have ordained ministers; while there are, at most, only two or three unemployed ministers in the State to supply them. They must look outside of the State to find the men they need. The call from other States is so great to make good the places of those that die or are laid aside by infirmity, and the demands so urgent for men to take charge of new churches at the West, that there are not ministers enough to meet the legitimate growth of our churches. There is great danger that we are to experience a famine, not of the Bread of Life, but of men qualified to break it to the needy multitudes.

The church has great need to offer the prayer for more laborers to reap the whitening harvest, and, while she prays, to use at the same time efficient means to induce her sons to consecrate themselves to this work. It avails little for us to widen the area of Christian effort, plant new churches and give freely of our money, if few are found willing to enter the priest's office, or to go forth in the spirit and power of Elias to prepare the way of the Lord. There must be for years to come an increasing demand for ministers to meet the spiritual wants of our own land as well as for the foreign missionary work; ministers who enter the sacred office not to preach moral essays or a

gospel of doubts and negations, but men who reverently, and with all their hearts, believe in the Lord God Jehovah as the Sovereign God, in the Bible as His inspired word, and in Jesus Christ His Son as the only Savior of lost men; men who have received an anointing, such as Christ himself had, "to preach the gospel to the poor." For more of such men let the church reverently and importunately offer her prayer to the Lord of the harvest, while, with wise foresight, she seeks to bring them forward and give them the requisite training.

HONOR OUR STATE SOCIETY.

There is a matter of considerable practical importance that needs to receive the careful and intelligent consideration of our churches; that is, to what extent it is wise and best for them to send their contributions for home missions directly to the American Home Missionary Society, instead of to our State Society. There is a limit beyond which they cannot safely go in this direction without imperiling our State missionary churches. We are especially responsible for their well being, and no amount of money sent to the West will relieve us from the duty of efficiently sustaining them. If the churches generally send the principal part, or near one-half of their contributions, according to the present standard of giving, directly to the New York Society our State work will inevitably be crippled, and some of the churches be left to die. By an understanding with the parent society, our Domestic Missionary Society is to do the home missionary work in this State from its own receipts, and no money is to come back from their treasury to ours to help us do it. Since the western work has assumed enlarged proportions and importance, there has been an increasing inclination in the churches to send their contributions directly to the National Society, without considering what effect it might have on our State work or the rights of other churches. A year ago it appeared that more than one-fourth of all the money raised in the State for home missionary purposes was sent by the givers to New York. During the year just closed between a third and a half has been sent in the same way. As a result of this, for two years past we have, during several months of each year, been without sufficient funds in our treasury to pay, when due, what had been pledged to our missionaries, so that these men, living on small salaries, have had sometimes to wait from one to three months for what was their due, and for what they needed and were depending upon to meet their necessary family expenses. They have thus been made to suffer for no fault of theirs, for no fault of our State Society,

and not because there was not home missionary money enough contributed in the State to relieve them, but because so large a proportion of that money was sent to New York and not to our treasury.

Now the interest felt in the work at the West, and the desire to help it forward, is worthy of all praise. We rejoice in it. We would not have it less, but many fold greater. We would not have less money go from the State to carry it forward, but much more. We take it for granted that every church desires to do something for the West, and to have a part of its contributions go there. Our State Society was made auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society to meet just this desire—to receive the united contributions of the churches, use what is imperatively demanded by the wants of our feeble churches within the State, and send the balance to the National Society to expend in the West. This it has done in past years, so far as the churches have given it the means, and is ready to do so still. But, if any considerable number of the churches send all, or nearly all, of their gifts to the National Society, and none, or next to none, to our State treasury, they fail to do their share in keeping up our State feeble churches: they deprive us of the ability to appropriate anything from our treasury to aid the work in tne new States and territories, and they make it necessary for us to use within the State all the funds given us by other churches, and thus deprive those churches of the satisfaction of knowing that any part of their contributions have gone to the West.

Moreover, there are other evils that must inevitably result from any general sending of the funds of the churches to New York instead of to our State Society. It will withdraw interest from our State Society, belittle it and its work in the eyes of the churches, make it always poor, and compel its secretary to give undue prominence in his appeals to State needs in order to secure enough to sustain our State churches. His sphere of service will be narrowed. He will virtually become simply an advocate of State work, and cease to lift up his voice to plead for the spiritual necessities of the whole country. It is not for the interests of our churches or for the interests of the western work that such a result should take place. It is for the interest of all parties that the secretary of our State Society should advocate the claims of the whole wide field and gather up the generous offerings of all the people for this great work.

We cannot, therefore, but believe that it is the true policy of our churches to give honorable prominence to our State Society, and make its treasury the channel through which their bounties shall be distributed

over the whole home missionary field. Then this Society will be and continue in *fact* an auxiliary to the National Society, and be as a living fountain whose streams will bless and fertilize the whole country.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The attention of the Congregational churches through the land has been very prominently called the past year to the relation that the American Home Missionary Society, to which we are an auxiliary, sustains to them. Plans have been proposed and efforts have been made to bring that society into an organic connection with our churches, and, by a change in its constitution, to give the churches themselves, through their representative bodies, a controlling voice in the selection of its officers and in the administration of its affairs. As it receives all of its funds from Congregational churches, and its only mission is to act as their agent in doing their home missionary work through the West, it is but reasonable that they should have a controlling voice in its management. They have a right to demand it, and this we have no doubt will be readily granted when any fair expression of the will of the members of that society is given. The acts and methods adopted by a local majority at the late annual meeting of that society, by which this matter was arbitrarily and rudely thrust one side, cannot safely be repeated, and we have no idea they will be attempted again. The simple fact that such a meeting as was held was possible, demonstrates the need of some change of constituency or some safeguards that do not now exist. The end sought is a reasonable one. The matter is now in the hands of a trustworthy committee, and we have no doubt that in the ordinary course of events a satisfactory result will be harmoniously reached, and the good work will go on with renewed zeal and efficiency. With that conviction we cordially commend it to the confidence of our churches.

We have great cause for gratitude for the good that has been accomplished through its agency in the past. It has prosecuted its work during the year with great energy and success. The funds entrusted to it were nearly $50,000 more than during the preceding year.

FRONTIER WORK.

God has given us, of this generation, a work to do on the frontier which, not to do, would be a reproach to our Christianity and full of peril to our nation. Though it is a work requiring liberal gifts and many hardships it is full of encouragement and hope. The self-denials, enterprise and stirring life manifest in the new Settlements; the inspiration that comes from laying the foundation of Christian institu-

tions in States yet to be populous and renowned; present obstacles and hopes of future success—all appeal with great power to the imagination, to the spirit of Christian enterprise, to the faith, hope and zeal of the individual and of the church to do with their might what their hands find to do *now*, for the Master and for our country. Woe be to us as a nation if the spirit of indifferance, the love of ease, the pursuit of pleasure or the deceitfulness of riches blind us to the great work God has devolved upon us, so that we do not feel in every fiber its importance, its grandeur, its spiritual bearings.

The process of laying the foundations of States and Empires, larger and possibly not less important, than those of Greece and Rome, is going rapidly forward in our day—in our land; and to us is given the privilege, and entrusted the duty of seeing that the foundation of every State and of each forming community is Christian; that wherever men make to themselves homes and the ægis of civil law extends its arm for the protection of the citizen, that there King Immanuel shall have an embassador to proclaim the setting up of His Kingdom and invite all to a loyal obediance to His authority. The church should not be behind the State in entering the new Settlements and in making the presence and saving power of God known and felt in every new town. The nation, through acts of Congress, assumes authority over and covers with the mantle of law all the territories, so that as settlers gather in any place they immediately come under the forms and protection of human law and feel that they are subject to and can appeal to it for protection and redress. Now it is for the church to see to it that she does not fall behind the State in doing her work; in calling the attention of all in the new Settlements to the presence of God among them and to His prior, supreme proprietorship in the soil and in all its settlers; that His laws are over them and binding upon all, that His salvation stands ready to be revealed to them in the wilderness. To the church it belongs to set up in every community, at the earliest possible day, a symbol of God's presence and rights and saving grace, in the form of a church organization, composed of His loyal subjects, and of a Sanctuary, as a place for proclaiming His will, and where men may assemble to pay their homage to Him and receive His benediction.

The efforts which are being made now to plant the standard of the cross in all the rapidly settling States, as large as Empires, between the Mississippi and the Pacific Ocean, is a work to which we are called of God. To do it well we must give generously of our money; we must give Christian men and women from all our towns for settlers.

and as affording the best material with which to build churches and to leaven the masses that are drawn there from all parts of the world. The salvation of immortal souls and the future welfare of our country depend upon the energy, the courage, the promptness and the self-denial with which we now do this work. Within the year past we have ordained and sent forth two of the Sons of Vermont, in all the zeal of their first consecration, one to Dakota and one to Arizona to endure the hardships and self-denials incident to the home missionary work in those untamed regions. Another of our ministers has also gone to Dakota, another to Washington Territory, still another to Oregon. Let us sustain them with our prayers and our contributions, and by keeping in vigorous life all the churches in our State raise up new men to follow them in the Christianization of the whole West.

In behalf of the Directors,

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 10, 1882.

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.			
CORNWALL—Collection $46 00; Ladies' Cent Society, $22 57	$68 57	$	$
MIDDLEBURY—Ladies' Domestic Missionary Soc., $81 04; Collection, $91 40	172 44		
NEW HAVEN—A Friend, $20 00; Friends, $12 00	32 00		
SHOREHAM	20 00		
VERGENNES	20 00		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
ARLINGTON EAST	15 00		
BENNINGTON CENTER	35 00		
BENNINGTON SECOND	90 27		
DORSET	25 39		
DORSET EAST	7 00		
MANCHESTER	79 71		
PERU	8 00		
RUPERT	20 00		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET	43 00		
BARNET, (McINDOES FALLS)	12 00		
BURKE EAST	8 00		
DANVILLE	31 05		
HARDWICK EAST—Dea. J. M. Stevens	5 00		
KIRBY	9 50		
LYNDON—S. B. Mattocks, $1 00; J. W. Colby, $25 00; collection, $31.57 for A. H. M. S.	57 57		
LYNDONVILLE	22 00		
PEACHAM	38 07		
ST. JOHNSBURY FIRST	20 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY EAST	5 50		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH—Miss S. T. Crossman, $85 00; collection, $6 00	91 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY—Friends	1000 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH	271 19		
ST. JOHNSBURY—Mr. Thaddeus Fairbanks		500 00	
WATERFORD LOWER—Thank offering, $5 00; $1 00	6 00		
WATERFORD UPPER			53 50
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BENNINGTON THIRD	100 00		
CHARLOTTE	29 59		
COLCHESTER—A Friend, $10 00; collection, $20 00	30 00		
ESSEX CENTER	11 25		
ESSEX JUNCTION	14 00		
JERICHO CORNER	12 16		
HINESBURGH	12 00		
UNDERHILL	5 00		
WILLISTON—$13 00; Mrs. A. Bliss, $2 00	15 00		
ESSEX COUNTY.			
BRIGHTON	10 00		
GRANBY	17 24		
GUILDHALL—Mr. R. Chase	5 00		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.			
BAKERSFIELD	$13 06		
BERKSHIRE EAST	19 00		
ENOSBURGH	20 03		
GEORGIA	7 00		
MONTGOMERY CENTER	5 00		
RICHFORD—Mrs. E. H. Powell	10 00		
SHELDON	12 24		
ST. ALBANS	157 72		
SWANTON—$10 90; Ladies' Cent Society, $11 35; Friend, $15 00	37 25		
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE COUNTY CONFERENCE	10 30		
GRAND ISLE COUNTY.			
ALBURGH	16 25		
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
HYDE PARK NORTH	6 75		
JOHNSON	20 00		
MORRISVILLE	15 20		
STOWE—$33 07; Ladies' Cent Society, $6 18	39 25		
WATERVILLE	5 35		
WOLCOTT	14 19		
LAMOILLE COUNTY CONFERENCE	6 32		
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRADFORD—$40 20; Ladies' Cent Society, $19 00	59 20		
BRAINTREE HILL, $4 00; Thank Offering, Rev. L. D. Place, $5 00	9 00		
BROOKFIELD FIRST—$15 00; Mrs. Mary Smith, $5 00	20 00		
BROOKFIELD SECOND	7 05		
CHELSEA	22 90		
FAIRLEE	9 15		
NEWBURY—F. & J. F., $2 00; collection, $130 39, (of which $30 00 from Edward Hale) to constitute Miss Nellie Stebbins, Mrs. C. M. Atkinson and Mrs. Augusta Eastman Life Members of A. H. M. S. Sixty-four dollars of the above was for the A. H. M. S.	132 39		
WEST NEWBURY—$22 95; E. W. Eastman, $1 00	23 95		
WELLS RIVER	51 44		
ORANGE	7 78		
RANDOLPH	8 00		
RANDOLPH WEST	14 57		
STRAFFORD—To constl. Mrs. Mary A. Hatch a Life Member of the A. H. M. S.	43 50		
THETFORD	37 28		
THETFORD NORTH	10 13		
THETFORD, (POST MILLS)	10 25		
TUNBRIDGE	5 0		
VERSHIRE	24 00		
WEST FAIRLEE	10 00		
WILLIAMSTOWN	14 41		
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
BARTON	7 50		
CHARLESTON WEST	37 50		
DERBY	3 00		
GLOVER	15 00		
GREENSBORO—A Friend	25 00		
HOLLAND	18 50		
IRASBURGH	12 02		
LOWELL	5 00		
MORGAN	12 50		
NEWPORT	20 30		
WESTFIELD	5 00		
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
BENSON—Mrs. Goodrich and Miss Kent, $2 00; Ezra Strong, $7 00	7 00		
CLARENDON—$13 00; Mrs. N. J. Smith, $5 00	18 00		
DANBY	9 00		
FAIR HAVEN	24 43		
FAIR HAVEN—Welsh Church	10 00		
HUBBARDTON	3 00		
MIDDLETOWN	21 00		
PAWLET	7 50		
PITTSFIELD			97 00
PITTSFORD	40 00		
RUTLAND—Friend, $10 00; Sabbath school, $40 00; collection, $252 09; to constitute Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D., a Life Director of A. H. M. S.	302 09		
RUTLAND WEST	48 41		
SHERBURNE			47 35
WALLINGFORD—$52 55; Ladies' Cent Society, $23 55	70 10		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
WASHINGTON COUNTY.			
BARRE	23 75		
BERLIN—$25 86; Rev. A. Ladd, $3 00	28 86		
MONTPELIER—$51 80; A Family, $12 00; Rev. A. D. B. $6 00; Mrs. H. A. Lord, $5 00	74 81		
NORTHFIELD	41 79		
PLAINFIELD	8 00		
ROXBURY	14 00		
WAITSFIELD	13 40		
WATERBURY—To constl. Florence L. Haines a Life Member of A. H. M. S.	30 00		
WOODBURY	10 00		
WORCESTER	13 60		
WINDHAM COUNTY.			
BELLOWS FALLS	23 00		
BRATTLEBORO—$126 61; A Friend, $10 00; Sabbath school, $25 00	161 61		
BRATTLEBORO WEST—$34 47; A Friend, $5 00	39 47		
DUMMERSTON	16 80		
JAMAICA—$18 64; A Friend, $1 00	19 64		
LONDONDERRY	16 00		
MARLBORO	5 00		
PUTNEY	17 80		
SAXTONS RIVER	16 05		
WESTMINSTER WEST—$21 75; Mrs. C. Powers, $1 00	22 75		
WILMINGTON	7 00		
WINDHAM—$29 25; Sophia B. Stevens, $5 00; Brooks Fund, $2 00	36 25		
WINDSOR COUNTY.			
BRIDGEWATER	7 00		
CHESTER—Ladies' Cent Society	19 00		
HARTFORD	21 45		
HARTFORD WEST	4 00		
HARTLAND—Sabbath school	8 00		
LUDLOW—$31 00; Sabbath school, $5 29; of which $10 00 for A. H. M. S.	36 29		
NORWICH—$50 39; Sabbath school for Sunday school work, $38 61	89 00		
PLYMOUTH	1 25		
POMFRET	11 00		
QUECHEE—For A. H. M. S.	23 16		
ROCHESTER	22 00		
ROYALTON	5 00		
ROYALTON SOUTH	15 80		
SPRINGFIELD—$58 21; Mrs. F. Parks, $100 00	158 21		
STOCKBRIDGE	12 00		
WESTON	14 00		
WINDSOR	60 00		
WOODSTOCK—$79 50; Ladies' Cent Society, $20 00	100 00		
WINDSOR COUNTY CONFERENCE	2 75		
VERMONTER	50 62		
COLLECTION—At Society's Annual Meeting at St. Johnsbury	75 01		
OTHER RECEIPTS.			
Keeseville, N. Y., Rev. L. H. Elliot	5 00		
Gibson, Pa., Mrs. A. Stevens Ingalls	10 00		
Northfield, Estate of Mrs. Jane Chamberlin	$1000		
Chelsea, Estate of Dea. Carlos Moore	700 00		
St. Johnsbury, Estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, by his Executors, Hons. Horace and Franklin Fairbanks	500 00		
Rent of Alvord Farm	105 40		
Notes and interest	197 39		
Dividend on Conn. & Pass. River R. R. Stock	132 00		
From U. S., State of N. H. and Maine Bonds	238 80		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In Account with the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY:

1881.	DEBIT.		
June 13.	To balance on hand	$1,328 39	
	" cash contributions	6,686 54	
	" " legacies	1,700 00	
	" " from notes, interest and dividends	672 00	
			$10,386 93
	CREDIT.		
By paid Aided Churches and Missionaries		$6,642 48	
"	American Home Missionary Society	145 79	
"	Printing and distributing Annual Reports	127 68	
"	Printing blanks	3 75	
"	Secretary's salary	1,200 00	
"	" expenses	200 00	
"	" postage and stationary	38 25	
"	Treasurer's " " "	13 03	
	*Balance in Treasury	2,015 95*	
			$10,386 93

MONTPELIER, June 12, 1882.

I certify that I have this day examined the account of J. C. Emery, Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, for the last year, and find that he has received, including balance on hand, June 13, 1881, the sum of $10,386 93

And that he has disbursed the sum of 8,370 98

Leaving a balance to be hereafter accounted for $2,015 95

The charges made, as in the above statement, are all sustained by proper vouchers. J. A. PAGE, *Auditor.*

*The Directors voted to send $1000 of this to the American Home Missionary Society, whic has been done.

ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY.

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RECEIPTS ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1882, WHICH HAVE NOT PASSED THROUGH OUR TREASURY.

1881.		
June.	Brattleboro, A Friend	$10 00
	Lunenburgh, A Friend	1 00
	St. Albans First, Friends	10 00
	Vergennes	20 00
July.	Berlin, Mrs. J. E. Perrin	5 40
	Brandon, H. J. L.	25 10
	Essex, C. Farrand	10 00
	St. Johnsbury, H	60 00
August.	Brattleboro, Legacy of Mrs. H. M. Linsley	67 50
	Brookfield First, Sunday School, special	26 12
	Manchester, mon. con	15 66
	Springfield, Mrs. F. Parks	100 00
	Springfield Sunday school	20 00
Sept.	Brattleboro, Mrs. Fannie Dwinell	5 00
	Chester	24 27
	Springfield, Legacy of Dea. C. Haywood	800 00
	" A. Woolson	300 00
Oct.	Benson, Mrs. Anna M. Howard	10 00
	Brattleboro, A Friend	50 00
	Springfield, Legacy of Dea. C. Haywood	259 00
	Jeffersonville, A Friend	100 00
	Stowe, Friends	30 00
Nov.	Benson, Miss J. Kent, freight	1 00
	Lower Waterford	9 60
	Morrisville	13 25
	New Haven, Legacy of Dea. C. Squire	100 00
	North Bennington	11 86
	St. Johnsbury, Miss Sarah F. Crossman	100 00
Dec.	Burlington, Winooski Ave. church	48 00
	East Hardwick	10 50
	Springfield, M. W. S	10 00
	Vergennes	20 00
1882.		
Jan'y.	Bellows Falls	20 34
	Brattleboro, Legacy of Mrs. H. M. Linsley	67 50
	Burlington First	229 60
	Georgia	8 00
	Manchester, Rev. A. Heminway	20 00
Feb'y.	Burlington Third	100 00
	Colchester, C. Farrand	10 00
	Irasburgh	8 40
	Johnson, J. Holmes	2 50
	Newbury, P. W. Ladd	5 00

March.	Bennington Second	7 05
	Brattleboro, A Friend	10 00
	Burlington, C. A. Hibbard	10 00
	Chester, Sunday school	55 00
	" I. N. Moore	5 00
	Orwell	51 50
	" Legacy of Louisa Root	2187 50
	Pittsfield, Individuals	14 00
	Randolph, Mrs. M. K. Nichols	1 40
	St. Johnsbury North	329 04
	Salisbury,	6 60
	West Rutland, Church and Sunday school	48 00
	" " A Friend	5 00
April.	Wallingford, Freight	1 00
May.	Braintree Hill, L. D. Place	40
	Brandon	30 00
	Brattleboro, Balance of legacy of Mrs. H. M. Linsley	15 00
	" H. & M. L. H.	25 00
	Danville	25 00
	Grafton	10 00
	Peacham, A friend	30 00
	St. Albans, First church, a friend	10 00
	Vergennes	20 00
	Westminster West, A. Goddard	20 00
	West Rutland, Sunday school, additional	41
	White River Junction, Mrs. C. H. Latham	10 00
		$5,666 33

RECEIPTS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

June.	Putney, A. S. Taft	$5 00
July.	Bridport, Sunday School	6 90
	Sfraffoid, " "	5 00
Jan'y.	Brattleboro Center Sunday School	25 00
May.	Putney, Mrs. A. S. Taft's class	5 00
		$46 90

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JUNE 1st, 1882.

The numerals affixed to the names of the Churches denote the Conference to which each belongs.

	Churches.	*Organized.*	*Supplies.*
9	Albany	1818	Francis Parker.
6	Alburgh	1824	Richard Hicks.
2	Arlington East	1843	J. C. McCollom.
6	Bakersfield	1811	J. K. Fuller.
3	Barnet	1858	William Rand.
3	Barnet, McIndoes Falls	1829	C. F. Morse.
11	Barre	1799	P. McMillan.
9	Barton	1817	L. Phelps.
2	Bennington 1st	1762	Isaac Jennings.
2	" 2d	1836	Edward G. Read.
2	" North	1868	Lewis C. Partridge.
10	Benson	1790	George E. Lyon.
6	Berkshire East	1820	Elias W. Hatch.
11	Berlin	1798	Alden Ladd.
11	" West	1865	Alden Ladd.
13	Bethel	1817	Rolla G. Bugbee.
8	Bradford	1810	Allen Clark.
8	Braintree	1794	Lorenzo D. Place.
8	" East	1871	Vacant.
10	Brandon	1785	Walter Rice.
12	Brattleboro	1816	Geo. E. Martin.
12	" West	1770	Charles H. Merrill.
13	Bridgewater	1793	Vacant.
1	Bridport	1790	James F. Eaton.
9	Brighton	1841	Charles S. Murkland.
1	Bristol	1805	Vacant.
8	Brookfield 1st	1787	Wm. M. Gay.
8	" 2d	1848	Wm. M. Gay.
9	Browning'n & Barton Land'g	1809	James A. Bates.
3	Burke East	1807	C. B. Hulbert, D. D.
4	Burlington 1st	1805	L. O. Brastow, D. D.
4	" 3d	1860	Geo. B. Safford, D. D.
3	Cabot	1801	H. A. Russell.
7	Cambridge	1792	Edwin Wheelock.
10	Castleton	1784	John P. Demeritt.
9	Charleston West	1844	Vacant.
4	Charlotte	1792	Azel W. Wild.
8	Chelsea	1789	Edward E. Herrick.
13	Chester	1773	Henry L. Slack.
10	Clarendon	1822	Geo. H. Morss.
4	Colchester	1804	A. S. Barton.
4	Colchester, Winooski	1836	Vacant.
8	Corinth	1820	Horace P. James.
1	Cornwall	1785	John C. Houghton.
9	Coventry	1810	Vacant.

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9	Craftsbury	1797	Francis Parker.
10	Danby	1869	Lucian D. Mears.
3	Danville	1792	Chas. W. Thompson.
9	Derby	1807	Vacant.
2	Dorset	1784	Parsons S. Pratt.
2	" East	1867	Vacant.
12	Dover	1802	Vacant.
12	" West	1868	H. R. Titus.
12	Dummerston	1779	Josiah Merrill.
11	Duxbury	1836	S. B. Currier, (meth.)
6	Enosburgh	1811	Alfred B. Swift.
4	Essex	1797	John Cowan.
4	Essex Junction	1869	John Cowan.
6	Fairfield	1800	Vacant.
10	Fairhaven	1803	Rufus C. Flagg.
10	" Welsh	1857	Vacant.
8	Fairlee	1833	Allen Clark.
1	Ferrisburgh	1824	Henry W. Hulbert.
6	Franklin	1817	Charles P. Watson.
6	Georgia	1793	Charles W. Clark.
9	Glover	1817	Benjamin S. Adams.
12	Grafton	1785	Earl J. Ward.
5	Granby and Victory	1825	Charles Duren.
9	Greensboro	1804	Stephen Knowlton.
5	Guildhall	1799	Frederic L. Small.
12	Guilford East	1768	Vacant.
3	Hardwick East	1803	Vacant.
13	Hartford	1786	S. Ingersoll Briant.
13	" West	1830	Robert D. Miller.
13	" Queeche	1831	Nathan F. Carter.
13	Hartland	1779	Vacant.
6	Highgate	1811	James H. Babbitt.
4	Hinesburgh	1789	Artemas C. Field.
9	Holland	1842	John Frazer.
10	Hubbardton	1782	Robert C. Allison.
7	Hydepark	1863	Vacant.
7	" North	1858	Azro A. Smith.
9	Irasburgh	1818	William Carr.
12	Jamaica	1791	Orrin G. Baker.
4	Jericho 1st	1791	Austin Hazen.
4	" 2d	1826	Dana B. Bradford.
7	Johnson	1817	Azro A. Smith.
3	Kirby	1877	Reuben D. Osgood.
12	Londonderry	1868	Royal D. Metcalf.
9	Lowell	1816	Rufus King.
13	Ludlow	1806	Richard B. Grover.
5	Lunenburgh	1802	Leonard W. Harris.
3	Lyndon	1817	Reuben D. Osgood.
3	" Lyndonville	1870	C. B. Hulbert, D. D.
2	Manchester	1784	Albert C. Reed.
12	Marlboro	1776	Nath'l Richardson.
11	Marshfield	1826	Vacant.
1	Middlebury	1790	S. Lewis B. Speare.
10	Middletown	1780	Osborne Myrick.
4	Milton	1804	John H. Woodward.

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4	Milton West	1853	John H. Woodward.
6	Montgomery	1817	Elias W. Hatch.
11	Montpelier	1808	John H. Hincks.
9	Morgan	1823	Vacant.
7	Morrisville	1807	Wm. A. Bushee.
8	Newbury	1764	S. Lysander Bates.
8	" Wells River	1842	Eugene J. Ranslow.
8	" West	1867	Amzi B. Lyon.
12	Newfane, Fayetteville	1774	W. W. Nason.
1	New Haven	1797	Clarence S. Sargent.
9	Newport	1831	Edward P. Wild.
11	Northfield	1822	William S. Hazen.
13	Norwich	1819	Nathan R. Nichols.
8	Orange	1876	F. G. Appleton.
1	Orwell	1789	Soltau F. Calhoun.
10	Pawlet	1781	Vacant.
10	" Welsh	1881	Vacant.
3	Peacham	1794	Sanford S. Martyn.
2	Peru	1807	Samuel L. Vincent.
13	Pittsfield	1803	Clifford H. Smith.
10	Pittsford	1784	Charles C. McIntire.
11	Plainfield	1799	Wm. T. Swinnerton.
13	Plymouth	1804	R. B. Grover.
13	Pomfret	1783	H. A. Van Dalsem.
10	Poultney	1780	Calvin Granger.
2	Pownal North	1851	Vacant.
12	Putney	1776	Lincoln Harlow.
8	Randolph	1786	Wm. S. Blaisdell.
8	" West	1831	Vitellus M. Hardy.
4	Richmond	1801	Austin Hazen.
1	Ripton	1828	Vacant.
13	Rochester	1801	Moses Patten.
12	Rockingham: Saxton's River	1825	William Sewall.
12	" Bellows Falls	1850	Alfred B. Dascomb.
12	" Cambridgeport	1868	Vacant.
11	Roxbury	1864	H.C. Howard(Chris.)
13	Royalton	1777	Samuel W. Dike.
13	" South	1868	Sidney K. B. Perkins.
2	Rupert	1786	A. B. Lambert, D. D.
10	Rutland	1788	Jas.G. Johnson, D.D.
10	" West	1773	John K. Williams.
1	Salisbury	1804	Josiah T. Closson.
2	Sandgate	1782	Vacant.
13	Sharon	1782	E. B. Chamberlain.
6	Sheldon	1816	Charles P. Watson.
1	Shoreham	1784	Wm. N. Bacon.
4	South Hero	1795	Orville G. Wheeler.
13	Springfield	1781	Thomas M. Boss.
6	St. Albans	1803	Charles Van Norden.
3	St. Johnsbury 1st	1809	Vacant.
3	" North	1825	Henry W. Jones.
3	" East	1840	Frederic B. Phelps.
3	" South	1851	Edward T. Fairbanks.
13	Stockbridge	1827	James Hay.
7	Stowe	1818	W. L. Anderson.

	Churches.	*Organized.*	*Supplies.*
8	Strafford	1820.	Henry Cummings.
12	Stratton	1801	Vacant.
10	Sudbury	1791	Vacant.
6	Swanton	1801	James H. Babbitt.
8	Thetford	1773	Harry Brickett.
8	" Post Mills,	1839	Vacant.
8	" North	1878	Vacant.
12	Townshend	1777	George Porter.
12	" West	1850	George Porter.
9	Troy	1845	Joseph N. Walker.
9	" North	1818	Joseph N. Walker.
8	Tunbridge	1792	S. K. B. Perkins.
4	Underhill	1801	John D. Emerson.
1	Vergennes	1793	George E. Hall.
8	Vershire	1787	Evan Thomas.
11	Waitsfield	1796	Stephen H. Robinson.
10	Wallingford	1792	Chas. N. Brainard.
12	Wardsboro South	1793	Elisha S. Fiske.
11	Warren	1816	Vacant.
11	Waterbury	1801	Sheldon H. Wheeler.
3	Waterford	1798	Caleb M. Winch.
7	Waterville	1823	Vacant.
13	Weathersfield, Center	1775	Vacant.
13	" East	1838	Vacant.
13	" Ascutneyville	1869	Moses H. Wells.
8	West Fairlee	1809	C. H. Cooledge.
9	Westfield	1818	Rufus King.
4	Westford	1801	Geo. P. Byington.
10	West Haven	1817	Geo. G. Lyon.
12	Westminster	1767	John L. Sewall.
12	" West	1799	Alfred Stevens, D. D.
13	Weston	1799	Elias H. Sneath.
1	Weybridge	1794	Lewis A. Austin.
1	Whiting	1799	Vacant.
8	Williamstown	1795	William Schofield.
4	Williston	1800	Franklin W. Olmsted.
12	Wilmington	1855	H. R. Titus.
12	Windham	1805	Amos Holbrook.
13	Windsor	1768	J. E. Worth.
7	Wolcott	1818	C. J. Richardson.
11	Woodbury	1875	Charles H. Morse.
13	Woodstock	1781	James F. Brodie.
11	Worcester	1824	Philo H. Carpenter.

Additional Names to July 1st, in List of the Churches.

Conf.	*Name.*	*Post Office.*	*Relation.*
10	Allison, Robert G.	Hubbardton	A. P.
7	Anderson, Wm. L.	Stowe.	S.
8	Appleton, F. G	Orange	S.
4	Bradford, Dana B.	Jericho.	A. P.
8	Brickett, Harry	Thetford	A. P.
11	Howard, Henry C.	Roxbury	S.

Conf.	*Name.*	*Post office.*	*Relation.*
3	Martyn, Sanford S.	Peacham	A. P.
11	Morse, Chas. H.	Woodbury	S.
12	Nason, W. W.	Fayetteville	S.
9	Parker, Francis	Craftsbury	A. P.
3	Rand, Wilbur	Barnet	S.
3	Russell, H. A.	Cabot	A. P.
13	Smith, Wm. D	Royalton, South	S.
13	Sneath, E. H.	Weston	S.
12	Sewall, John L.	Westminster	S.
12	Sewall, Wm.	Saxtons River	A. P.
12	Titus, H. R.	Wilmington	A. P.
12	Von Dalsem, H. R.	North Pomfret	S.
13	Worth, J. E.	Windsor	S.

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9	Adams, Benj. S. ..III..	Glover	A. P.
	Aiken, Wm. P. ..I..	Rutland	W. C.
1	Austin, Lewis A.	Middlebury	Prof. Midd. Col.
6	Babbitt, James H. ..VI.	Swanton	A. P.
1	Bacon, Wm. N. ..I..	Shoreham	P.
12	Baker, Orrin G. ..XII..	Jamaica	P.
11	Barber, Alanson D. ..V..	Montpelier	Ed. Vt. Chronicle.
	Bartlett, Lyman. ..IV..	Cesarea, Turkey	Miss. A. B. C. F. M.
4	Barton, Alanson S. ..XIV..	Colchester	A. P.
9	Bates, James A. ..VIII..	Barton Landing	A. P.
8	Bates, S. Lysander. ..VII..	Newbury	P.
8	Blaisdell, Wm. S. ..II..	Randolph	A. P.
9	Bonnell, Spencer R. ..VIII..	Detroit, Mich.	A. P.
13	Boss, Thomas M.	Springfield	P.
10	Brainard, Charles N. ..X..	Wallingford	A. P.
4	Brastow, L. O., D. D. ..XIV..	Burlington	P.
13	Briant, S. Ingersoll. ..XI..	Hartford	P.
13	Brodie, James F. ..XI..	Woodstock	P.
4	Buckham, James ..XIV..	Burlington	W. C.
13	Bugbee, Rolla G.	Bethel	A. P.
12	Burnham, Charles. ..XII..	Townshend	W. C.
	Burnham, Collins G. ..VIII..	Freeport, Me.	A. P.
7	Bushee, Wm. A. ..IV..	Morrisville	P.
9	Butler, Gardner S. ..VIII..		
4	Byington, Geo. P. ..XIV..	Westford	A. P.

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	Cady, Calvin B.	VI.	Georgia.	W. C.
1	Calhoun, Soltau F.		Orwell.	P.
11	Carpenter, Philo H.	V	Worcester.	P.
9	Carr, William.	VIII.	Irasburgh.	A. P.
13	Carter, Nathan F.	XI.	Quechee.	P.
13	Chamberlain, Edward B.	IX.	Sharon.	A. P.
13	Chapman, J. S.	XIII.	Chester.	W. C.
	Chase, Levi G.	XII.	Gilman'n I.W., N.H.	A. P.
8	Clark, Allen.	VII.	Bradford.	P.
6	Clark, Charles W.	VI.	Georgia.	A. P.
13	Clark, Josiah B.	II.	Ludlow.	W. C.
8	Closson, Josiah T.	VII.	Salisbury.	A. P.
3	Cobleigh, Nelson F.	III.	Walla-Walla, W. T.	Home Missionary.
4	Cowan, John.	XIV.	Essex.	A. P.
8	Cummings, Henry.	VII.	Strafford.	P.
12	Dascomb, Alfred B.	XII.	Bellows Falls.	A. P.
10	Demeritt, John P.	X.	Castleton.	A. P.
10	Denison, William.		Castleton.	W. C.
13	Dike, Samuel W.	IX.	Royalton.	P.
5	Duren, Charles.		Granby.	A. P.
	Dwight, Henry O.	IV.	Constantinople, Ty. Miss.	A. B. C. F. M.
1	Eaton, James F.		Bridport.	S.
	Elliot, Lester H.	XIV.	Keeseville, N. Y.	A. P.
4	Emerson, John D.	XIV.	Underhill.	A. P.
3	Fairbanks, Edward T.	III.	St. Johnsbury.	P.
3	Fairbanks, Henry.	III.	St. Johnsbury.	Sec. Y. M. C. A.
4	Field, Artemas C.	XII.	Hinesburgh.	A. P.
10	Flagg, Rufus C.	X.	Fair Haven.	A. P.
13	Flint, Joseph R.		Missouri.	
	Ford, James T.	IV.	San Bernardino, Cal.	A. P.
12	Foster, Amos.	XII.	Putney.	W. C.
9	Fraser, John.	VIII.	West Derby.	A. P.
	French, George H.	IV.	Charlestown, N. H.	A. P.
3	Fuller, Homer T.	III.	St. Johnsbury.	Prin. St. J. Acad.
8	Fuller, Joseph.	VII.	Vershire.	W. C.
6	Fuller, J. K.	VI.	Bakersfield.	A. P.
3	Gates, Matthew A.	III.	St. Johnsbury,	W. C.
8	Gay, Wm. M.		Brookfield.	A. P.
13	Gerry, Elbridge.		Oregon.	A. P.
	Goodhue, Daniel.	XIV.	N. H.	W. C.
4	Goodrich, John E.	XIV.	Burlington.	Prof. U. Vt.
3	Gordon, Charles E.	III.	East Hardwick.	W. C.
10	Granger, Calvin.		East Poultney.	A. P.
12	Grout, Lewis.	XII.	West Brattleboro.	Agt. Am. Miss. As.
13	Grover, Richard B.		Ludlow.	P.
	Hale, John G.	IV.	San Bernardino, Cal.	A. P.
1	Hall, George E.	I.	Vergennes.	P.
9	Hall, Robert V.	VIII.	Newport.	W. C.
3	Hammond, Joseph.	III.	St. Johnsbury Cen.	A. P.
8	Hardy, Vitellus M.	IX.	West Randolph.	P.
12	Harlow, Lincoln.	XII.	Putney.	P.
2	Harrington, James L.	V.	East Dorset.	A. P.
5	Harris, Leonard W.		Lunenburgh.	A. P.
6	Hatch, Elias W.	VI.	East Berkshire.	P.
13	Hay, James.		Gaysville.	A. P.

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11	Hazen, Wm. S.....V..Northfield.....		P.
	Hemenway, Asa.....I..Manchester.....		W. C.
8	Herrick, Edward E.....IX..Chelsea		P.
	Herrick, Horace.....IV..Felchville		W. C.
9	Herrick, Wm. T.....VIII..Elizabethtown, N.Y.		W. C.
4	Hickok, Henry P.....Burlington.....		W. C.
13	Hicks, Lewis W. .....XI..Weathersfield, Ct...		P.
6	Hicks, Richard.....VI..Alburgh Springs....		A. P.
11	Hincks, John H.....V..Montpelier.....		P.
10	Hooker, Edward T.....X..Charleston, S. C...		A. P.
12	Holbrook, Amos.....XII..Windham.....		A. P.
8	Hosford, Isaac.....North Thetford....		W. C.
1	Houghton, John C.....I..Cornwall		A. P.
9	Howard, Jabez T.....VIII..West Charleston....		W. C.
13	Hubbard, Thomas S.....Rochester.....		W. C.
3	Hulbert, Calvin B., D.D....III..Lyndonville.....		A. P.
4	Hungerford, Edward.....XIV..Burlington		W. C.
8	James, Horace P.....VII..Corinth		P.
2	Jennings, Isaac.....II..Bennington Center.		P.
10	Johnson, James G., D. D.,...X..Rutland.....		P.
3	Jones, Henry W.....III..St. Johnsbury.....		P.
1	Kent, Cephas H..... .... I..New Haven.....		W. C.
9	King, Rufus.....Lowell.....		A. P.
9	Knowlton, Stephen.....I..Greensboro.....		A. P.
	Labaree, Benjamin, Jr.....I..Oroomiah, Persia...	Miss.	Presb. Board.
11	Ladd, Alden.....V..Berlin.....		A. P.
2	Lambert, Amos B., D. D.....II..Rupert.....		A. P.
9	Litch, J. Lincoln.....VIII..Marion, Mass.....		A. P.
8	Lyon, George G.....X..Benson		A. P.
	Mardin, Henry.....XII..Marash, Turkey....	Miss.	A. B. C. F. M.
8	Marsh, Joseph.....Thetford.....		W. C.
	Marsh, Spencer.....XIV..Burlington		W. C.
12	Martin, George E.....XII..Brattleboro.....		P.
10	Maynard, Ulric.....X..Castleton.....		W. C.
8	McCollom, J. Clinton.....II..East Arlington.....		A. P.
10	McIntire, Charles C.....X..Pittsford		P.
11	McMillan, P.....Barre.....		P.
10	Mears, Lucian D.....X..Danby.....		A. P.
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3	Morse, Charles F.....III..McIndoes Falls.....		A. P.
10	Morss, George H.....X..Clarendon.....		P.
10	Myrick, Osborn.....X..Middletown.....		A. P.
13	Nichols, Nathan R.....XI..Norwich		A. P.
12	Ober, Benjamin.....XII..Brattleboro.....		W. C.
4	Olmsted, Franklin W.....XIV..Williston.....		A. P.
3	Osgood, Reuben D.....III..Lyndon		A. P.
2	Partridge, Lewis C.....II..North Bennington..		A. P.
13	Patten, Moses.....III..Rochester		A. P.

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13	Perkins, Sidney K. B.	IX.	South Royalton	A. P.
3	Phelps, Frederic B.	III.	St. Johnsbury East	P.
9	Phelps, Lawrence	VIII.	Barton	P.
8	Place, L. D.		West Randolph	A. P.
12	Porter, George	XII.	Townshend	A. P.
11	Pratt, Horace	V.	Northfield	W. C.
2	Pratt, Parsons S.	II.	Dorset	P.
	Ranney, Timothy E.	VIII.	St. Johnsbury Center.	W. C.
8	Ranslow, Eugene J.	VII.	Wells River	A. P.
2	Read, Edward G.	II.	Bennington	P.
	Read, Hollis	II.	Bennington	W. C.
2	Redfield, Charles	II.	Troy, N. Y.	W. C.
2	Reed, Albert C.	II.	Manchester	P.
10	Rice, Walter	X.	Brandon	A. P.
7	Richardson, Chauncey J.	IV.	Wolcott	A. P.
12	Richardson, Nathaniel		Marlboro	A. P.
11	Robinson, Stephen H.	V.	Waitsfield	P.
	Rustedt, Henry F.	X.	Shrewsbury	W. C.
4	Safford, Geo. B., D. D.	XIV.	Burlington	P.
1	Sargent, Clarence S.		New Haven	A. P.
8	Schofield, William	V.	Williamstown	A. P.
4	Seaton, Charles M.	XIV.	Essex Junction	W. C.
1	Severance, Milton L.	I.	Manchester	Teacher.
13	Slack, Henry L.		Chester	P.
7	Smith, Azro A.	IV.	Johnson	P.
11	Smith, Charles S.	V.	Montpelier	Sec'y Vt. D. M. S.
1	Smith, Ebenezer	I.	Middlebury	W. C.
9	Somerville, W. C	VIII.	Newport	W. C.
1	Speare, S. Lewis B.		Middlebury	P.
12	Stevens, Alfred, D. D.	XII	Westminster West	P.
10	Stewart, Amasa	X.	Pittsford	W. C.
9	Stone, George	VIII.	North Troy	W. C.
11	Stone, John F.	V.	Montpelier	W. C.
10	Stone, Levi H.		Castleton	W. C.
6	Swift, Alfred B.	VI.	Enosburgh	A. P.
13	Swift, Aurelius S.		Stockbridge	W. C.
11	Swinnerton, Wm. T.	V.	Plainfield	A. P.
12	Switzer, Christopher J.	XII.	Townshend West	W. C.
11	Tenney, Leonard	V.	Barre	Sec. Vt. Bible Soc.
3	Thompson, Charles W.	III.	Danville	P.
	Thyng, John H.	X.	Northboro, Ms.	W. C.
	Tilden, Lucius L.	X.	Nashua, N. H.	W. C.
	Tolman, George B.	IX.	Santa Barbara, Cal.	A. P.
4	Torrey, Henry A. P.	XIV.	Burlington	Prof. U. Vt.
6	Van Norden, Charles	VI.	St. Albans	P.
2	Vincent, Samuel L.	II.	Peru	P.
9	Walker, Joseph N.	VIII.	North Troy	P.
12	Ward, Earl J.	XII.	Grafton	P.
6	Watson, Charles P.	VI.	Sheldon	A. P.
4	Wheeler, Orville G.	XIV.	South Hero	P.
11	Wheeler, Sheldon H.		Waterbury	P.
7	Wheelock, Edwin	IV.	Cambridge	A. P.
2	Wickham, Jos. D., D. D.	II.	Manchester	W. C.
3	Wild, Azel W.	III.	Charlotte	A. P.
9	Wild, Edward P.	VIII.	Newport	P.

	Name.		*Post Office.*	*Relation.*
4	Wilder, John C	XIV	Charlotte	W. C.
4	Willard, A. J., M. D	XIV	Burlington	W. C.
10	Williams, John K	X	West Rutland	A. P.
13	Winch, Caleb M	XI	Lower Waterford	A. P.
	Winchester, Warren W	I	Williamstown, Ms	W. C.
4	Woodward, John H	VI	Milton	A. P.
4	Worcester, J. H., D. D.	XIV	Burlington	W. C.

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	Albee, Solon	I		
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	Buckham, M. H., D. D.	XIV	Burlington	Pres't U. Vt.
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9	Coburn, Wm			
8	Coolidge, C. H		West Fairlee	S.
	Flagg, James W	X	South Ryegate	S.
1	Hulbert, Henry W		Middlebury	Tutor.
	Murkland, Chas. S	VIII	Island Pond	S.
	Ramage, James	X	Hydeville	
13	Remele, Wm. A			
	Shaw, Henry H.	II	Brattleboro.	Teacher.
5	Small, Fred L.	V	Guildhall	S.
9	Smith, D. E			
13	Smith, Wm. D		Royalton, South	S.
8	Thomas, Evan	VII	Vershire	S.

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I give and bequeath to the "Vermont Domestic Mi sionary Society, incorporated in 1872," the sum o ... to be applied to the charitab uses and purposes of said Society.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SEC. 1. Jonathan Clement, H. F. Leavitt, Aldace Walker, Harvey D. Kitchel, M. H. Buckham, William H. Lord, Charles S. Smith, Alfred Stevens, Joseph Chandler, Joseph Torrey, Julius Converse, Franklin Fairbanks, John A. Page, L. L. Dutcher, James W. Hickok, and their associates, who shall be members of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, and which members shall continue such associates for one year from the time of the adjournment of the Convention of which they are members, and till others become members in their stead, are hereby constituted a corporation and body politic by the name of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont; and by that name may sue and be sued; may have a common seal; and shall have all the rights, powers, privileges of a corporation, for the purpose of receiving, taking care of and managing all funds, property and money which has heretofore, or may hereafter, come to the care, control, management, custody, or ownership of said Convention, or any trustee, officer, or person for said Convention, by whatever form or mode said funds, property, or money may have been, or may hereafter be conveyed, given, transferred, bequeathed or devised to such Convention, or to the denomination of Christians called and known by the name of Congregationalists, or any branch thereof.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of said corporation shall be called by two or more of the persons named in the first section of this act, and which meeting shall be at the time and place of the next General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont, a notice of which meeting shall be published at least three successive weeks in the VERMONT CHRONICLE, published at Windsor, Vermont.

SEC. 3. At said meeting and all other annual meetings of said corporation shall be chosen a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five trustees, who shall hold their respective offices one year, and till others are chosen or appointed.

SEC. 4. President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall respectively perform the offices usually performed by such officers, and such as may be imposed upon them by the by-laws. The Secretary

also shall call all meetingsunder the direction of the trustees, and also when at least three members shall, in writing, request a special meeting to be called. All meetings of the corporation shall be called and notified by publishing the same in one or more newspapers in the State, one of which shall be the VERMONT CHRONICLE, unless otherwise ordered by the by-laws of the corporation, or by the Trustees. The treasurer, except where otherwise ordered by the corporation, shall receive all moneys, funds, property and assets of every description belonging to, entrusted, or in any way committed to the care or custody of the corporation, and be responsible for the same, and shall disburse, pay over and deliver, as shall from time to time be ordered by the trustees or a majority of them; he shall at least once a year make a full and true statement and report of the financial condition of the corporation, therein designating the kind or class of funds, and for what purpose donated, bequeathed or held; he shall also exhibit all books, vouchers and papers to said trustees whenever requested by them, and shall furnish statements and copies whenever requested by them, upon reasonable notice; he shall, if requested by the trustees, give bonds with sufficient sureties to the acceptance of the trustees, for the faithful discharge of his duties as treasurer. Whenever a vacancy shall happen in the office of treasurer, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment of the trustees, till the next annual meeting of the corporation, or till appointed by vote of the corporation. The trustees shall have the general oversight of the interests and prudential affairs of the corporation; shall see that all funds, moneys, and other property are faithfully preserved, taken care of, and administered as shall be most for the interest of the corporation, and in accordance with the wishes of testators and donors; they shall perform all acts and discharge all duties not assigned to any other officer by the articles of association, or by the by-laws made in pursuance thereof. If any vacancy shall occur in the board of trustees, such vacancy shall be supplied by appointment by the surviving trustees till an election by the corporation.

SEC. 5. At an annual meeting of the corporation, by-laws may be established or altered, not inconsistent with this charter or the laws of this State.

SEC. 6. This act shall be under the control of any future legislature, and shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, November 21, 1872.

Adopted by the Convention, June 18, 1873.

CONSTITUTION.

OBJECT.

ART. 1. The object of the Convention is to promote the harmony, fellowship and efficiency of the churches, and their co-operation in Christian work.

DOCTRINAL STANDARD.

ART. 2. The Convention receives as articles of faith, the doctrines of Christianity as they are for substance stated in the Declaration of Faith of the Boston Council of 1865; these doctrines are understood by us to be those which from the beginning have been received by the Congregational Churches of New England.

COMPOSITION OF CONVENTION.

ART. 3. Every Association of ministers in the State, or partly in the State, receiving these doctrines, is entitled to one delegate in the Convention; each Association having eight or more resident ordained ministers, two delegates, and each of sixteen, three delegates. Every County Conference of churches, receiving the same faith, is entitled to two delegates; each Conference of six or more churches, three delegates, and for each additional three churches, or major fraction of three, an additional delegate. From each Conference one delegate may be a minister, or two if six or more delegates are sent, or three of nine.

Persons elected to any office or holding any appointment by this Convention shall be members thereof until such office or appointment shall expire; also, officers of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, the editor of the VERMONT CHRONICLE, the organ of the Convention, and the minister of the parish where the meeting is held.

Persons recommended by the Business Committee may be received as Honorary Members, and participate in all deliberations, but may not vote.

OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The officers of the Convention as prescribed by the act of incorporation are a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually, and to hold their respective offices from the final adjournment of the meeting at which they are chosen to the close of the next annual meeting. There shall also be appointed at each annual meeting, two or more boards of five each, to have the care of funds or any valuable interests intrusted to the Convention for the ensuing year, a Scribe, Assistant Scribe, and an Auditor of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the

several boards having the management of funds, to serve at and during the meeting at which they are appointed; and once in five years, commencing with 1875, there shall also be appointed a Corresponding Secretary for the Convention, and Reporters and Receivers of Assessments for the several Conferences of Churches.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary at the end of each calendar year to collect and arrange for publication statistical reports of the churches; also to correspond with the Conference reporters, and, from the facts reported, to present to the Convention during its session a condensed account of the state and progress of religion in the churches during the year ending May 15th.

DUTIES OF REPORTERS.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Reporters, each for his own Conference, to make report of the state of religion for the year ending May 15th. These reports shall be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary at least two weeks previous to the meeting of the Convention. In case of the absence of any Reporter, the duty of reporting shall devolve on the Register of the Conference.

TIME OF MEETING.

ART. 7. The Convention shall meet annually on the second Tuesday of June at 2 o'clock, P. M.

VACANCIES.

ART. 8. If at any time, or from any cause, the office of Secretary or of Corresponding Secretary of the Convention shall become vacant, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall immediately, by notification of each member in writing, convene the Board at a specified time and place, and, when so met, said Board shall by a majority vote appoint some person to fill the vacancy till the next annual meeting of the Convention or until a new election is made; and any person so appointed shall be a legal officer of the Convention.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 9. These articles shall not be altered except at an annual meeting and by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Adopted June 17, 1874.

RULES OF BUSINESS AND ORDER.

1. To facilitate the preparing of the roll, members of the Convention are required to hand their certificates of membership to the Secretary, or to the Minister of the parish, as soon as practicable after reaching the place of meeting. No person shall be enrolled without credentials, unless by vote of the Convention.

2. The annual meeting of the Convention shall be opened with a business session. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall take the chair, lead in prayer, call for the reading of the roll, and for the election of a Scribe and Assistant Scribe, when the docket of business prepared by the Secretary shall be read. In the absence of both President and Vice President, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, and after reading the roll, shall call for the election of a President, *pro tempore*, who shall be chosen by ballot, and shall preside till the President or Vice President shall arrive, or till the close of the session.

3. The stated public exercises after the opening of the business session shall be as follows :

Tuesday Evening—Convention Sermon.

Wednesday Morning—Anniversary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

Wednesday Afternoon—Report of the Corresponding Secretary, to be followed by an essay.

Wednesday Evening—Addresses by representatives from such of our co-operative benevolent societies as the Committee of Arrangements shall provide.

Thursday Morning—Discussion, introduced by the brethren appointed, those opening the discussion being limited to twenty minutes each, and those following to ten minutes each.

Thursday Afternoon—Conclusion of business and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

4. The committees to be appointed at each meeting are as follows: A Business Committee, through which all business not provided for in the Docket shall be brought before the Convention. A Nominating Committee, to nominate the officers provided for in the Act of Incorporation and in the Constitution, and the delegates to corresponding bodies. A Finance Committee, to make assessments on the Conferences. A Committee on Devotional Exercises, of which the Minister of the parish shall be chairman. A Committee of Arrangements for the next annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to recommend the place for such meeting, nominate the preacher and substitute, select topics for the discussion and essay, and nominate persons to open the discussion and prepare the essay, with substitutes for each: whose office shall continue through the year, and who shall be empowered to make arrangements for the presentation of benevolent causes. These and all other committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise order, are to be nominated by the presiding officer in connection with the Secretary.

5. The meetings of the Convention each morning shall be opened with prayer, when the Scribe shall call the roll of members and read the minutes of the preceding day.

6. The President shall preserve order and decorum in the body, and when he takes part in any discussion, shall leave the chair, and address the Secretary.

7. No person shall speak more than twice upon any question, except by unanimous consent and after every other member who desires shall have spoken; and then the mover in the matter pending shall be permitted to speak in reply.

8. Every motion, except for adjournment, shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any two members desire it. No motion shall be acted on till seconded.

9. If any member in debating or otherwise shall transgress the rules of order or of propriety, the President shall, by his own authority, or at the request of any member, call him to order; and if a question shall arise concerning his being in order, it shall be decided without debate by an appeal to the body.

10. When two or more persons rise to speak at once, the President shall name the one who is first to speak.

11. No motion committed to writing shall be finally decided upon until it shall have had three several readings, if any member calls for it.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a stated time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged. On a motion for adjournment, for laying on the table, for indefinite postponement, there shall be no debate.

13. If the report of a committee contains only matters of fact for information, or of argument for the consideration of the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted ?* and that question, unless superseded by a motion to reject, to recommit, to postpone, or to lay on the table, shall be taken *without debate*. Such report, if accepted, is placed upon the files of the Convention, not entered upon the Minutes.

14. If a report is in, or terminates with the form of a vote, resolution or declaration, expressing the judgment or testimony of the Convention, the question shall then be taken on the *adoption* of the report. If adopted, the vote, resolution or declaration is entered upon the Minutes.

15. On the report of a Treasurer of a Board of Trustees or Directors, or of a Committee or other agent empowered to act for the Convention, the question is, *Shall the report be accepted and approved ?* which question may be divided if a division is called for.

16. The merits of any subject whose proper reference is to the Business Committee shall not be discussed in Convention until it has been referred to that Committee for consideration and report.

17. Members who may find it necessary to leave before the close of the meeting are expected to give notice of the fact to the President.

18. If it becomes necessary to change the place of the annual meeting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in consultation with the President and Vice-President, to select a place.

These By-Laws and Rules shall not be subject to alteration except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

TIME OF MEETING.

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OFFICERS, COMMITTEES,

AND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

President—Rev. CYRUS HAMLIN, D. D., Middlebury.
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BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Ph. D., J. C. Emery, Esq., Rev. W. S. Hazen, Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—J. G. Stimson, Esq., Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. C. C. McIntire, Dea. G. M. Sykes, Rev. H. Fairbanks, Ph. D.

REPORTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Addison Conference—Rev. George E. Hall; *Bennington Conference*—Rev. L. C. Partridge; *Caledonia Conference*—Rev. H. W. Jones; *Chittenden Conference*—Rev. Austin Hazen; *Essex Conference*—Rev. C. Duren; *Franklin and Grand Isle Conference*—Rev. A. B. Swift; *Lamoille Conference*—Rev. A. A. Smith; *Orange Conference*—Rev. S. L. Bates; *Orleans Conference*—Rev. E. P. Wild; *Rutland Conference*—Rev. J. K. Williams; *Washington Conference*—Rev. W. S. Hazen; *Windham Conference*—Rev. Amos Holbrook; *Windsor Conference*—Rev. James F. Brodie.

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

To Vermont M. E. Conference—Rev. A. D. Barber. Substitute, Rev. C. E. Martin.

To Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. A. A. Smith. Substitute, Rev. W. S. Blaisdell.

To F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting.—Rev. E. P. Wild. Substitute, Rev. N. R. Nichols.

To the National Council—Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Ph. D. Substitute, Prof. J. E. Goodrich. Rev. Stephen Knowlton. Substitute, Rev. A. B. Swift. Hon. D. M. Camp. Substitute, Hon. Roswell Farnham.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Place—St. Albans.

Preacher—Rev. E. P. Wild. Substitute, Rev. G. E. Hall.

Essay—The Relation of Christian Doctrine to Christian Living—Rev. S. L. B. Speare. Substitute, Rev. Stephen Knowlton.

Discussion—Relation of the Church to the Sunday School. Primaries, Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, Rev. V. M. Hardy. Substitutes, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. J. H. Babbitt.

Committee on Vermont Chronicle—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. J. G. Johnson, D. D., M. H. Buckham, D. D., Rev. W. S. Hazen.

Sunday School Committee—Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. J. H. Babbitt.

Committee of Arrangements for Next Year—Rev. S. L. B. Speare, Rev. V. M. Hardy, Dea. Joseph Poland, Rev. C. S. Smith, Hon. S. S. Bedard.

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President—Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, St. Johnsbury.
Vice President—Rev. C. B. HULBERT, D. D., Lyndonville.
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VERMONT BIBLE SOCIETY.

Corresponding Secretary: Rev. L. Tenney, Barre. *Treasurer:* Hon. John A. Page, Montpelier.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Corresponding Secretary: J. M. Stevenson, D. D. *Treasurer:* O. R. Kingsbury, 150 Nassau St., N. Y. Rev. M. M. Cutter, Secretary of New England Branch, 52 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

SCHEDULE

—OF—

TIME FOR TAKING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

COUNTIES.	JANUARY, FEBRUARY.	MARCH, APRIL.	MAY, JUNE.	JULY, AUGUST.	SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER.	NOVEMBER, DECEMBER.
Windham.....	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	.....	.....	Congregational Un.	.....
	....	.....	Home Missions.	Col. and Ed. Soc.	.....	Amer. Miss. Assoc.
Windsor.....	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.	.....	.....	Tract Society.	.....
Orange..	.....	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	.....	.....	Congregational Un.
	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	.....	.....	Home Missions.	Col. and Ed. Soc.	.....
Washington...	....	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.	....	....	Tract Society.
Bennington....	Congregational Un.	.....	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	.....	.....
	.....	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	.....	.....	Home Missions.	Col. and Ed. Soc.
Rutland.....	Tract Society.	.....	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.	....	.....
Addison.....	.....	Congregational Un.	.....	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	.....
	Col. and Ed. Soc.	....	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	.....	.....	Home Missions.
Chittenden...	.....	Tract Society.....	.....	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.	.....
Grand Isle....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	.....	....	Congregational Un.	....	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.
Franklin.....	Home Missions.	Col. and Ed. Soc.	....	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	....	.....
	.....	.....	Tract Society.	.....	Cong. Pub. Society.	Work in Papal l'ds.
Lamoille.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orleans.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Foreign Missions.	.....	.....	Congregational Un	.....	Bible Society.
Caledonia.....	.....	Home Missions.	Col. and Ed. Soc.	....	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	.....
	Work in Papal l'ds.	... .	.....	Tract Society.	.....	Cong. Pub. Society.
Essex.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT met with the Congregational Church of Newport, June 12th, 1883.

In the absence of the President the Vice President, Dea. C. F. Thompson, of Brattleboro, called the meeting to order, and after offering prayer, read the roll of delegates, which, in completed form, is as follows:

DELEGATES PRESENTING CREDENTIALS.

Addison Association—Rev. S. L. B. Speare.

Bennington Association—

Caledonia Association—Rev. Henry W. Jones, Rev. C. F. Morse.

Lamoille Association—

Montpelier Association—

North-Western Association—Rev. A. B. Swift, Rev. J. K. Fuller.

Orange Association—Rev. Harry Brickett, Rev. E. J. Ranslow.

Orleans Association—Rev. R. V. Hall, Rev. R. King, Rev. J. N. Walker.

Royalton Association—Rev. V. M. Hardy.

Rutland Association—

White River Association—Rev. R. D. Miller.

Windham Association—Rev. R. D. Metcalf.

Windsor Association—

Winooski Association—Rev. Austin Hazen.

Addison Conference—Pres. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D., Bro. E. M. Wright.

Bennington Conference—Bro. D. K. Simonds, Dea. E. A. Cobb.

Caledonia Conference—Rev. S. S. Martyn, Bro. Fred E. Carpenter, Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, Dea. Alex. Holmes, Dea. W. R. Monteith.

Chittenden Conference—Bro. William M. Barber, Prof. J. S. Ciley, Dea. L. M. Stevens.

Essex Conference—Bro. Chas. W. King.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference—Rev. E. W. Hatch, Hon. S. S. Bedard, Dea. S. H. Dow, Dea. Z. C. Morey.

Lamoille Conference—Dea. Elisha Bentley, Bro. B. M. Munson.

Orange Conference—Rev. S. L. Bates, Rev. H. P. James, Dea. W. F. Howard, Bro. John T. Quimby, Dea. John Sawyer.

Orleans Conference—Rev. W. N. Bacon, Rev. S. Knowlton, Bro. Geo. A. Bill, Dea. W. H. Clement, Dea. M. C. Hitchcock, Mrs. N. C. Conner.

Rutland Conference—

Washington Conference—Rev. A. D. Barber, Rev. J. F. Stone, Dea. A. A. Clark, Bro. A. J. Howe.

Windham Conference—Rev. O. G. Baker, Rev. John L. Sewall, Bro. F. W. Perry, Bro. A. P. Ranney.

Windsor Conference—Rev. N. R. Nichols, Dea. Adna Brown, Bro. George E. Ladd.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF THE CONVENTION.

Vice President—Dea. C. F. Thompson.

Secretary—Rev. C. H. Merrill.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. A. W. Wild.

Treasurer—J. C. Emery, Esq.

Trustee—Rev. A. Stevens, D. D.

Preacher—Rev. W. S. Hazen.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. E. P. Wild, Rev. T. M. Boss, Rev. Jas. H. Babbitt.

Fairbanks Board of Education—Rev. E. T. Fairbanks.

Fairbanks Board for the Relief of Ministers—Rev. H. Fairbanks, Ph. D., J. G. Stimson, Esq.

Appointees of Last Meeting—Rev. Geo. E. Martin, Rev. Allen Clark.

Honorary Members by Vote—Rev. J. E. Roy, D. D., Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D.

OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Vice President—Rev. C. B. Hulbert, D. D.

Secretary—Rev. C. S. Smith.

Directors—Rev. Azro A. Smith, Dea. Joseph Poland.

Bro. D. K. Simonds was chosen *Scribe*, Rev. J. L. Sewall, *Assistant Scribe*, and Hon. D. M. Camp, *Auditor*.

Rev. E. P. Wild, Rev. T. M. Boss and Rev. J. H. Babbitt were elected Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Rev. Dr. Stevens, delegate to the Vermont Baptist Convention, reported the discharge of the duty assigned.

Rev. John H. Hincks, delegate to the Vermont Methodist Conference, reported, that finding it impossible to attend the meeting of that body, passed over his credentials to Rev. Charles Van Norden, who reported by letter, which was read.

The reports of the Committee on *Vermont Chronicle* and the Committee on Sabbath Schools were by vote of the Convention deferred to a future session.

A communication from the Vermont Women's Christian Temperance Union was read, and, on motion of Rev. Dr. Stevens, laid on the table.

A communication from Rev. M. E. Strieby, Secretary of the American Missionary Association, in relation to a proposed constitution for that body, was read and by vote laid on the table for future action.

Voted, that the hours of meeting of the Convention be 9 A. M., 2 P. M. and 7.30 P. M. Hours of adjournment, 12 M. and 5 P. M.

Owing to the non-arrival of delegates, at the suggestion of Rev. Dr. Stevens, a short season was spent in devotional exercises.

On resuming business, Rev. Henry W. Jones, Rev. A. D. Barber and Rev. A. B. Swift were chosen a Business Committee.

The communication of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was taken from the table and referred to the Business Committee.

The communication from the American Missionary Association was also taken from the table and referred to the same committee.

The following persons were elected Finance Committee:

Bros. A. J. Howe, G. A. Bill and A. P. Ranney.

Rev. Henry W. Jones, delegate to the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, reported that he was kindly received by that body and expressions of good will were interchanged.

Voted, that the report of the Committee on the *Vermont Chronicle* be made the special order of the morning hour.

Rev. A. W. Wild, Corresponding Secretary, after remarking upon the difficulty of gathering statistics, moved that the Convention take

some action in regard to the matter, which was carried. After some discussion the following resolution was presented:

Resolved, That the Convention inquire, by committee or otherwise, whether some change may not be advantageously made in the methods of collecting church statistics and reporting the condition of the churches. Also that the Convention recommend some uniform rule of designation to be applied in the annual ministerial roll to the supplies of the churches who have not certified their qualifications according to the recommendations of 1881.

The resolution was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Rev. G. E. Martin and Rev. S. S. Martyn.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommend that devotional exercises of one hour be held at 6 A. M., led by Rev. S. S. Martyn, and of half an hour at 8.30 A. M., led by Rev. Dr. Stevens.

The same committee reported the following persons to take part in the communion services: Rev. A. B. Swift, Rev. A. Hazen and Deas. E. Bentley, W. R. Monteith, John Sawyer and C. F. Thompson.

Voted, that the rules be suspended and the communion service be held at the close of the evening meeting, and that the Committee of Arrangements report to the Convention whether such change in the rules, if made permanent, will not be advantageous.

The Convention then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention sermon was preached by Rev. W. S. Hazen, from Is: 60, 1.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the brethren previously designated for that purpose.

The Convention then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The devotional meetings were held according to appointment.

At 9 A. M., the Convention was called to order by President Thompson, the roll read and the minutes of the previous session read and approved.

On motion of the President, the following persons were chosen Committee on Nominations: Rev. C. B. Hurlbert, D. D., Rev. Austin Hazen, Dea. E. A. Cobb.

Rev. S. L. B. Speare, Rev. V. M. Hardy and Dea. Joseph Poland were chosen Committee on Place and Preacher.

The Business Committee recommended that the following persons be invited to sit as honorary members of this Convention, and it was so ordered: Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., Rev. J. E. Roy, D. D. and Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D.

The Treasurer, J. C. Emery, Esq., reported as follows:

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In account with the GENERAL CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES OF VERMONT:

1882.		DEBIT.			
June 10.	For balance cash on hand				$67 91
14.	To cash	Washington	Conference..	$35 19	
"	"	Orleans	" ..	40 74	
"	"	Orange	" ..	65 79	
"	"	Bennington	" ..	33 15	
"	"	Lamoille	" ..	14 67	
"	"	Rutland	" ..	65 74	
"	"	Franklin and Grand Isle	" ..	36 57	
"	"	Caledonia	" ..	52 75	
"	"	Essex	" ..	4 78	
Aug. 23.	"	Chittenden	" ..	50 88	
Dec. 2.	"	Caledonia	" ..	12 50	
1883.					
Jan. 30.	"	Windham	" ..	53 46	
"	"	Windsor	" ..	68 14	
Apr. 11.	"	Addison	" ..	33 66	
May 22.	"	Addison	" ..	26 26	
May 30.	"	Essex	" ..	5 64	
May 31.	"	Rutland	" ..	5 35	
					$673 08

1882.		CREDIT.		
June 14.	By paid	Rev. C. H. Merrill.....	$4 00	
Sept. 14.	"	W. W. Prescott, printing Minutes.	257 82	
1883.				
	"	Expenses of Treasury.....	5 37	
Mar. 5.	"	National Council.....	271 10	
Mar. 5.	"	Cash to balance.....	134 79	
				$673 08

I have this day examined the foregoing account of J. C. Emery, Treasurer, and find it correct, with proper vouchers for each expenditure.

D. M. CAMP, *Auditor.*

Newport, June 12, 1883.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Committee on *Vermont Chronicle* was called for as the special order and read by E. T. Fairbanks, which report was accepted.

The publisher of the *Chronicle*, W. W. Prescott, was called upon and remarked upon contemplated changes in the make-up of the paper, and the great help which ministers can give it by promptly sending items of religious news from their various localities, and also communications on religious subjects. An interesting discussion followed, which was suspended to give place to the annual meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society. At the close of this meeting the Convention resumed business.

The nominating committee reported the following list of officers which report was accepted and adopted:

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Vice President—Dea. J. M. Haven.

Secretary—Rev. C. H. Merrill.

Treasurer—J. C. Emery, Esq.

Trustees—Thaddeus Fairbanks, Esq., Hon. John A. Page, Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., James W. Hickok, Esq., Rev. C. B. Hulbert, D. D.

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Fairbanks Board for Relief of Ministers—J. G. Stinson, Esq., Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. C. C. McIntire, Dea. G. M. Sykes, Rev. H. Fairbanks, Ph. D.

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To Vermont Baptist Convention—Rev. A. A. Smith. Substitute. Rev. Wm. S. Blaisdell.

To Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. E. P. Wild. Substitute. Rev. W. R. Nichols.

Delegates to the National Council—Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Ph. D. Substitute, Prof. J. E. Goodrich, Rev. Stephen Knowlton. Substitute, Rev. A. B. Swift, Hon. D. M. Camp. Substitute, Hon. Roswell Farnham.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as leader of the six o'clock meeting Rev. Rufus King; of the eight thirty o'clock meeting Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D.

Voted to adjourn.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Convention was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Cobb.

Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Treasurer of the Fairbanks Education Fund, presented the following report, which was approved:

FAIRBANKS BOARD OF EDUCATION.

During the past year nine (9) students have been aided, five (5) of them, who have been longest on our list, being in college, and four (4) having recently began to receive aid, one of them being in Bangor Theological Seminary.

EDWARD T. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman*,
HENRY FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer*.

The Treasurer charges himself with amount on hand June 1, 1882	$1008 43	
Interest on investments	712 28	
		$1720 71
And credits himself with paid orders of students aided	$705	
Balance on hand May 31, 1883	1015 71	
		$1720 71

"Accounts found correct with proper vouchers."

(Signed D. M. CAMP, *Auditor*).

The Treasurer of the Fairbanks Fund for the Relief of Ministers, J. G. Stimson, Esq., presented the following report, which was approved:

FAIRBANKS FUND FOR RELIEF OF MINISTERS

In account with J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer*.

1882.	CREDIT.	
June 13.	By bal. in Treasury, as per Auditor's Report...	$961 96
July 3.	" interest on $6000 in Minnesota—semi-annual interest	240 00
July 3.	" interest on $1500 in the I. Granger farm...	120 00
Oct. 9.	" interest on J. S. Blood's notes for $1100....	66 00
1883.		
Jan.	" interest on $6600 in Minnesota—semi-annual interest	270 00
Apr. 1.	" interest on Curtis Parkhurst notes	24 00
Apr. 1.	" interest on Joseph Somerville notes	180 00
Apr. 1.	" interest on Joseph Bass notes	150 00
Apr. 1.	" interest on Samuel Phelps notes	24 00
May 8.	" contribution from Cong. church in Peacham.	16 10
		$2052 06

1882.	DEBIT.	
June to June, 83,	Appropriations to twelve beneficiaries.....	$1250 00
June, '83.	Expenses one year—sold Granger farm....	11 50
June, '83.	Balance in Treasury.....	790 56
		$2052 06

The fund is invested as follows, with bottom mortgages, not to exceed fifty cents on a dollar, cash value:

Joseph Somerville	Oct. 12, 1865	$3000
Joseph Bass	April 1, 1874	2000
J. S. Blood	Oct. 9, 1874	1200
Curtis Parkhurst	April 9, 1879	400
Patrick Kelley	Dec. 11, 1879	1000
Kenrick Rabe	Dec. 16, 1879	2000
Samuel B. Phelps	April 1, 1880	400
William M. Kelley	Aug. 28, 1880	1000
A. P. Hanson	July 30, 1880	1000
G. F. Jackson	July 22, 1880	1000
H. Gullickson	May 15, 1882	600
Samuel Kennedy	Oct. 17, 1882	800
John Luindquist	Nov. 24, 1882	500
John Luidblad	Nov. 24, 1882	750
Sarah Peterson	Jan. 3, 1883	650
Charles Buckindorf	Dec. 21, 1882	600
Total amount of fund		$16,900

J. G. STIMSON, *Treasurer.*

I have this day examined the foregoing account, and find the same correct, with proper vouchers for all expenditures.

D. M. CAMP, *Auditor.*

Newport, June 12, 1883.

The Business Committee presented their report in regard to the communication from the American Missionary Association, and on motion of Rev. Dr. Stevens, it was referred for further consideration to a special committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Hamlin, Rev. C. S. Smith and Rev. Henry Fairbanks.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. A. W. Wild, then made an interesting report on the state of the churches, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes of the Convention.

Rev. C. H. Merrill read a very interesting and instructive essay on "The Gift of the Holy Ghost."

The discussion of the report of the Committee on the *Vermont Chronicle* was resumed as unfinished business, and the report was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Sunday School Committee was made by Dea. C. F. Thompson. Hon. Franklin Fairbanks made the following recommendation, which was approved:

Your Committee feel that the number of churches observing the second Sabbath in June as Children's Day manifests a growing interest and zeal in this department of Christian work, and leads them to earnestly recommend every church to participate in this day, thus fulfilling the ancient command to "Rejoice before the Lord thy God, thou and thy son and thy daughter, in the place which the Lord thy God hath chosen to place His name there."

And your Committee further recommend that a collection be taken at that service in all our churches, or at some other time, in behalf of the Sunday School work carried on by the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

The Committee of Arrangements reported the exercises of the evening to be as follows:

Addresses of twenty minutes each by Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., in behalf of the American Congregational Union; by Rev. Thomas L. Gulick, in relation to the work of the A. B. C. F. M. in Spain; by Rev. J. E. Roy, D. D., for the American Missionary Association; by Rev. A. E. Dunning for the Congregational Sunday School Publishing Society.

The Special Committee on improving the method of collecting church statistics reported through Rev. Henry Fairbanks the following recommendations and changes in the Constitution, which were adopted by the required two-thirds vote:

The Corresponding Secretary is instructed so to interpret Article five of the Constitution as to collect if possible the statistics for the calendar year in time for publication in the Congregational Year Book; and to distribute advance sheets of the tables of the Minutes to the County Reporters in season for use at the June Conferences.

The Convention, in accordance with the action taken in 1881, recommends that those ministers supplying pulpits who are neither pastors, nor authorized by direct vote of the churches employing them to act as pastors, be enrolled simply as supplies.

CONSTITUTION—ART. 4. Omit the words "of statistics" after "Reporters."

ART. 5. For the words "at the———publication" substitute "at the end of each calendar year to collect and arrange for publication statistical reports of the churches; also to correspond with the Conference Reporters."

ART. 6. After the words "make report" add the words "of the state of religion"; for the words "January first" substitute "May fifteenth"; and omit the words "agreeably to the blank schedule furnished them."

The Business Committee made the following report in regard to the communication of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which was accepted and adopted:

This Convention heartily responds to the letter addressed to it by the Women's Christian Temperance Union through its President, Mrs. E. G. Green, and seeking sympathy with the Union in its work, the Convention clearly recognizes effort for the suppression of intemperance and the promotion of temperance as truly Christian work, and at the present time requiring to be prosecuted in all the wisdom and love, patience and perseverance, that Christ can give to those who engage with Him to destroy the works of sin in the world. This Convention gladly recognizes the women of the "Union" as devoted and efficient laborers in this Christian work, and bids them God speed in their labor of faith and love.

The Convention then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was opened by reading of Scripture and prayer by Rev. A. A. Smith. Then followed the addresses as previously announced, which proved to be exceedingly interesting. They were interspersed with fine music rendered by the Newport church choir.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were held as appointed. The Convention was opened with prayer by Rev. Bro. Morse. The roll was read and minutes of previous session read and approved.

On motion of Rev. Henry Fairbanks, the vote by which report of the Committee on the *Vermont Chronicle* was adopted was rescinded, and the report was accepted.

The Business Committee recommended the printing of two thousand copies of the Minutes of this Convention, and that Rev. J. H. Babbitt, the Corresponding Secretary and Scribe, be a committee to attend to the same. They also recommended that the Sunday School Committee of last year be appointed for the ensuing year, which recommendations were all approved.

Secretary Merrill introduced a resolution that the Treasurer be instructed to pay all arrearages due the National Council from the Vermont churches up to July, 1883, which was adopted.

The committee on place and preacher reported as follows:

Place, St. Albans. Preacher, Rev.E. P. Wild. Substitute, Rev. G. E. Hall.

The report was adopted.

By vote of Convention this committee was enlarged by adding to it Rev. C. S. Smith and Hon. S. S. Bedard.

The Business Committee recommended that the Committee on the *Vermont Chronicle* which served the past year be reappointed.

Approved.

Rev. W. N. Bacon, in view of the excellence of the *Vermont Chronicle* as conducted by Rev. A. D. Barber, offered the following:

Resolved, "That the warm thanks of the Convention be hereby tendered to Bro. Barber for his faithful services as Editor."

Adopted by a unanimous vote.

Committee on Nominations reported the name of Rev. Henry W. Jones for reporter and receiver for Caledonia Conference, and Rev. James F. Brodie for Windsor Conference, and they were duly elected.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the proposed constitution of the American Missionary Association reported that:

"This body suggest to the Association the advisability of making the following changes before the final adoption of the proposed Constitution:

1ST. That Article 2d be so changed as to limit and define more precisely the Society's specific sphere of work.

2D. That Article 3d place some restrictions on the right of voting and make clear who be voters.

3D. That Article 5th be changed so that the Secretaries and Treasurer be appointed by the Executive Committee as being a more deliberative, conservative and permanent body.

When these changes are made the Constitution will meet with our hearty approval.

This report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. W. W. Alger, representative from the Baptist Convention, was introduced by the President and presented the Christian salutations of that body, which were returned by this Convention through its President.

Then followed the discussion of the question, "Is any departure from the present methods of educating men for the ministry desirable?" led by Rev. Allen Clark and Rev. G. E. Martin, followed by Rev. Rufus King, Rev. S. L. B. Speare and Rev. Dr. Stevens.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. Bro. Gulick.

The Committee of Arrangements for next meeting presented the following additional report, which was adopted: Essay, The Relation of Christian Doctrines to Christian Living, Rev. S. L. B. Speare; substitute, Rev. Stephen Knowlton. Discussion: Relation of the Church to the Sunday School. Primaries, Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, Rev. V. M. Hardy; substitutes, Dea. C. F. Thompson, Rev. J. H. Babbitt.

The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee find there are 15342 resident members of our churches in the state (as per Bro. A. W. Wild's report), and estimate that it will require a tax of three cents per capita to raise the amount necessary to pay the outstanding liabilities and the expenses of the ensuing year. We therefore recommend that the following sums be assessed upon the various conferences:

Addison	Conference.....	$41 00
Bennington	"	28 50
Caledonia	"	51 00
Chittenden	"	37 50
Essex	"	3 50
Franklin and Grand Isle	"	26 00
Lamoille	"	11 50
Orange	"	48 50
Orleans	"	34 50
Rutland	"	55 00
Washington	"	28 00
Windham	"	42 60
Windsor	"	53 00
		$460 60

The Business Committee reported the following resolution of thanks, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due and are hereby tendered to the railroads that have reduced their fare, to the Congregational church and all the families of Newport who have with rich hospitality entertained the members of the Convention, giving a genuine illustration of home life and Christian fellowship. Also to the church choir for the efforts which they have made for our pleasure and profit and the interest they have added to our evening sessions.

On motion of Rev. S. L. B. Speare, it was voted that the essay of Secretary Merrill be printed with the Minutes.

Voted, That the thanks of the convention be tendered to the brethren who opened the discussion.

The committee of arrangements recommended that the rules be suspended and that the time of holding the communion service, and also whether papers and discussions be provided for Thursday afternoon, be left to the discretion of the proper committee.

Rev. E. P. Wild, on behalf of the church and people of Newport, returned thanks to the convention for benefits and pleasure conferred.

Rev. T. M. Boss made the closing prayer.

Minutes of the closing session read and approved.

Convention declared adjourned without day.

C. F. THOMPSON, *Vice President.*

D. K. SIMONDS, *Scribe.*

J. L. SEWALL, *Assistant Scribe.*

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

An Essay read before the General Convention, at Newport, Vt., June, 1883,

BY REV. CHARLES H. MERRILL.

A strict interpretation of the words which form the subject of this paper would doubtless limit the discussion to those special manifestations of the Spirit's power and presence which appear after conversion. It is true that the Master speaks in a general way of the Spirit's coming as a "gift." "If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." But it is as true that the presence of Christ himself on earth is spoken of as "the unspeakable gift," given as evidence of the Father's love to men, and furnishing ground for the assurance that He will "with him freely give us all things." If we would not be misled in our conception of the truth, we must have a care how we use words and phrases that would make the third manifestation of God to man any less real to us in His personality than the second. We speak only the truth when we say the Spirit was a gift; but so was Christ a gift. And there are no inferences or implications to be drawn from the use of this word "gift" in the one case, which can not be applied as well in the other. Both were sent, by the Father's will, as evidence of His love. Both are to be received, freely, for the asking. Because one was manifest in the flesh, and the other is now felt through the Spirit; because one is a higher, fuller, more effective manifestation than the other, it does not follow that personality must be lost in influence.

Aside from this general use of the term, however, a use which we have need to guard against misapprehension, there appears to be a special use current among the apostles in the early days of the church. Peter, speaking under the direct inspiration of that marvelous experience at Pentecost, says, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." The gift here cannot mean that work of

the Spirit, in which, according to Christ's own words, His power is largely to be made manifest, the work of convincing and convicting and leading into the truth. It is not that work of the Spirit which precedes conversion, but that special enduement which follows after. Mark the words, "Repent and be baptized, and ye shall receive." With Peter's own experience fresh in mind, what other conclusion can we draw than that his expectation was, that they too should receive a Pentecostal blessing, the same in power, if not the same in form, as the Apostles? Indeed, we find that this expectation was realized afterwards in the case of Cornelius and his assembled companions. In Peter's report to the church at Jerusalem, he says, that following upon the Gentiles' reception of the truth, "The Holy Ghost fell upon them *as on us* at the beginning," and that "God gave them *the like gift* as he did with us." That these words "*as on us*" and "*the like gift*" refer to the Pentecostal experience we may well believe, when we find the gift is afterwards described as that of "speaking with tongues."

An apostolic use of this phrase then might limit the discussion to that special work of the Spirit which follows conversion. I do not know whether this was the design of the Committee in assigning the topic; and even though it were, I do not know to what extent it would be wise to bring up subjects about which there is such wide difference of opinion among faithful Christians. It has seemed best to claim the right to open first and briefly the larger subject of the Spirit's person and work, and then refer by way of inference and conclusion to this special subject, which can be at best but a subordinate part of this doctrine of our faith. I design to speak of the Person of the Spirit, of His twofold work in relation to truth and to life, and then of His special manifestation of power in the church, or His gifts to believers.

I. The Holy Spirit is the third form in which the Divine natur has been manifested to the world, the third stage in which the Divine character has been revealed, the third phase of Divine personalty presented to man. God has disclosed Himself as men were able to bear it. Side by side with, or rather just in advance of, the development of the spiritual nature of man, may be traced the progress in the clearer revelation of the Divine truth and character. To a people gross and sensual and hard of heart to understand the "ought" and the "ought not," came a revelation of one God,—Jehovah, Law-giver, Judge. His character was represented as that of a being strict to

mark iniquity, and one who would by no means clear the guilty. To a people who had become conscious of their inability to meet the righteous requirements of a moral law, a people spiritually bankrupt, morally sick and in need of a physician, came the revelation of a God with man,—Immanuel, the pledge of a Divine power supplementing human weakness. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save his people from their sins." And finally to a people who had so far profited by their spiritual training as to be ready to look beyond the type to the thing typified, beyond form and symbol to truth and essence, came the revelation, "God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth." Some have called these three stages in the Divine revelation, Natural religion, Revealed religion, Spiritual religion. But the terms are unimportant if only we mark the progress in the development. Those words of Christ to His astonished disciples furnish the clue to the Divine method. "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." The endurance of men has timed the revelation of God. God has been limited in the disclosure of Himself by the narrow bounds of human ability to bear the revelation. As man has learned his lesson, and outgrown his limitation, God has advanced to meet him with fresh unfoldings of Divine truth. He spoke to us first as Father, then as Son, and now He speaks as Spirit, the spirit witnessing with our spirit that we are the sons of God. At first He stood by Himself alone, apart, unapproachable, the very conception of His being guarded by the unpronounceable name; then He appeared in our midst in the person of Jesus, God incarnate in one man; and now He is with us in the person of the Holy Spirit, and the time is drawing near when God shall become incarnate in all mankind. We are living in the final stage of revelation now. No new disclosures are to be made of the Divine character. The Spirit has come, that He may abide with us forever. We are waiting for no new truths, no new agencies, no new powers; we are waiting only for the full manifestation of the power that is in our midst to-day. He has come and is now here, who can lead into all truth. He has come and is now here, who can clothe us upon with the righteousness of Christ. He has come and is now here, who can intercede for us with the Father with groanings that cannot be uttered. For what are we waiting? Only for the time when the possibilities for living the Divine life, which lie about us right at hand, a gift to be taken for the asking, when these possibilities shall become actual in the experience of every man. It is a dream of science that when the difficulties which beset

the electric problems shall be solved, and the power now generated in the throbs of the mightiest engine can be stored in the compass of a few cells or a single battery, then the forces now unused in nature are to be made to minister to the wants of man. When the motive power that can drive the steamer across the seas, or run the trip-hammer at the forge, or the sewing machine in the home, shall become an article of commerce, a thing to be bought and sold by measure over the counter, then the fall of every stream in the woods, and the daily swing of the tides will be made to contribute its unused power to the common need. Thus nature will be called to do for us what she can. The potential will become factual. It is no dream of the Spirit that we are trying to materialize, it is simply a Divine truth which we are endeavoring to experience, when we look for the manifestation of the Spirit's power in our midst. He is with us here potentially, sufficient for every spiritual need. We want simply the potency and the promise made fact.

II. The work of the Holy Spirit may be regarded as two-fold. It has relation to truth, and to life.

1. The relation which the Spirit bears to the truth was foretold by the Master. "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." The creed of the church to-day, so far as it embodies the vital truths of the Christian church, is in the keeping of the Holy Spirit, and our relation towards that creed will be determined by our faith in the presence and power of this Spirit in His church. There has been a growth and development in the knowledge of spiritual things in the past, and there will be growth in the present and the future, so long as the church is vital with the life of the Spirit. The Master lived and died without a disclosure of that one great truth on which his kingdom was to be built. There is a text of Scripture over which the fathers of the church have had much discussion,* which yields a consistent meaning when we bring to it the thought, that one chief part of the mission of the Comforter was to lead into the truth, and that the central truth of the Christian faith is found in the Atonement. The words referred to are John's comment on the mysterious message of Christ (John vii :39), "The Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified." Jesus had not yet enacted that great truth, which the Spirit was to interpret. He had been with men and lived his life. Men had "beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

* See full citation of opinions in Hovey's Manual of the Comforter. Note II., p. 228-240.

He had declared the divine character, so that He could say, "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father." He had spoken the last word concerning the moral law, with that accent of conviction and that impress of personality which could enable him to say, "I am the truth." And yet He had done nothing, said nothing, which would require the Spirit's presence and power to interpret. Jesus had need to go away, before the Spirit could come; and He must go by the way of the cross that He might come again in the power of the Spirit. It was necessary that we should "lose Him as a man, that we might gain Him as a redeemer." The revelation of the truth of the redemptive work of Christ was left wholly in the Spirit's hands.

This explains the fact at which so many cavil, that the Sermon on the Mount contains no doctrine of atonement, and the Parable of the Prodigal Son no sacrifice of expiation. This explains the mystery of the Cross, which gave such offense to Peter just after his great confession. This explains the paradoxical sayings of the Master in that last conversation with his disciples, "It is expedient for you that I go away. I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you." He left them as man, as teacher, as friend, that he might come to them again in the power of his redemptive work. It is into this truth first of all that the Spirit has been leading from Pentecost to the present day. He has led into a formal knowledge of it through the revelation given to Paul and the fathers of the church who have formulated it; but best of all He has led into a vital experience of it the heart of every believer who has been able to say, "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth me from all sin." He has made it an experience for the many as well as a doctrine for the few.

Shall we distrust the Saviour's promise to-day, "He shall lead you into all truth?" Shall we seek for rest in the formulas of the church, and not in the indwelling life of the Divine Spirit? It is a saying now becoming current, that we need a more *dynamical* conception of the truth, and a less *mechanical* one. That saying is true in the fulness of its meaning. The hope it suggests will become realized when all have received the full baptism of the Holy Ghost. And to-day that individual believer who has received most of the gifts of the Spirit will welcome truth everywhere liberally, and not concede it grudgingly.

A broad principle like this must not be treated with an indiscriminate application. The distinction must be kept in mind between religion and theology, between life and the knowledge of the doctrine. And regarding this latter, it has been aptly said, that the student of

doctrine may err in two ways: "he may treat the permanent element in the theology of his age as variable, or try to maintain the variable as permanent.* In one case his liberality runs into heresy. In the other his conservatism ends in spiritual death. The hope of the church to-day in the happy issue of all her unseemly controversies, rests wholly in the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit. He alone can keep us in the golden mean.

2. The relation which the Holy Spirit bears to the life is seen chiefly in His power to convict. "When He is come, He will convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment." Man has need first of all of the convicting power from on high. I have heard it said, and startling as the assertion may seem, I believe there is only too much ground for the reproach, that the very best men we have ever met need more of this conviction of sin. Worldliness invades the spiritual life in ways we do not suspect. And the most subtle and dangerous form of the worldly influence is found in the tempter's suggestion of the old lie, "Ye shall not surely die." Sin is treated as a misfortune, and guilt as the necessary result of circumstance. Or among those who have not yet sunk so low as to lose all feeling of personal relation to a personal God, the fine sense of moral obligation is blurred by familiarity with the current cant of materialism. The tendency of the human heart is ignored, and the disease which ends in death is healed lightly. As a consequence, religion becomes a mere amenity of life, faith a fashion, and immortality a perhaps. The cure must be sought in a conviction of the exceeding sinfulness of sin. This conviction is the work of the Spirit alone. Christ could not do it. If it were proper to speak of failure in respect of a work that was designed to be only preparatory, then Christ's work on earth was a most stupendous failure; and the reason is to be found just here in his powerlessness to convict. No more moving words are recorded in Scripture than these, "He came unto His own and His own received Him not." "How often would I have gathered my children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life." But Christ's work was not a failure, because this was not a part of the ends which He designed. He accomplished all that He had purposed to do. He prepared the way for the Spirit's mission, as John the Baptist had prepared the way for His mission, and the time will not

* Guenther, quoted by Hare, Mission of the Comforter, note G. p. 225. See the whole note. pp. 222-226.

come for judgment to be passed upon His success or failure until the Spirit has accomplished His appointed work. This alas cannot be so long as the world retains a hold upon the hearts of men. The Spirit's mission is to do the impossible, to convict the world.

And from this initiatory work of conviction He proceeds to perfect His work through sanctification. It is by His power that the believer can say, "The life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God." He makes us do what we can. He makes us be what we desire. It is by His power that we look upon the righteousness of Christ, and say it is ours. He transforms desire into will, impulse into character. He gives us purity of heart for mere cleanliness of form. He gives us righteousness of life for legality of conduct.

III. The practical questions now present themselves: To what extent may we expect a display of the Spirit's power to-day? In what forms will the gift be made manifested, and How may it be secured?

1. The only limit upon the display of the Spirit's power to-day must be sought for either in the counsels of God or the unbelief of man. If the Spirit does not work to-day with greater power than at Pentecost, it must be because the plans of God are waiting for the times of their fulfillment, or because men do not present themselves as fit agents for His use. So far as our responsibility goes, we are concerned chiefly with the latter condition. If we turn to the promise of Christ, we find reason to expect great things to-day. He has said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father." It is natural for us to look, then, for a constant increase in those works which are most characteristic of the Christian believer, from the day of Pentecost until the present; and where they fail to appear, it is natural for us to seek for the cause in the unbelief of men. Certainly human responsibility cannot be met until this unbelief is removed. The limit of power is not in the promise. The limit of power is not in anything that we know of the will of God. May we not infer that if we do not see the power to-day, it is because we do not live up to our opportunities; it is because we do not take and use what is right at hand.

2. As regards the form in which the gift of the Spirit may be expected, it seems as though, for all purposes of Christian life and work, we need not greatly err. It is said by some that we do dishonor to the Spirit of God if we hold that any form in which he has

once manifested Himself will ever fall into disuse. But certainly it is not for us to dictate high heaven in these matters. Power is not conditioned upon form. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? This is not for us a question of expectation. It is a question of historical fact. Has He appeared at any time in the past in forms that have not been repeated? We are not to say that God's method of working must be after a certain preconceived notion of ours, and then go to history for the confirmation of our theory. It is not what we want, or what we would like, or what we think best, that is to determine God's ways; but rather what has been, and what is, in point of historical fact. The method of inquiry here is inductive, not deductive. We honor God more by leaving responsibility with him, than by dictating the method of his working. We have, I believe, no evidence that one form of the Pentecostal gift was ever repeated after that first day. The visible flames of fire, symbolical in their essence of purity and cleansing, and in their shape of that which is the instrument of the proclamation of Divine truth, were never afterward borne witness to by any of those whose testimony has come down to us. And that other form of the gift, the gift of the tongues, while it appears to have been continued for a time,—as it is seen in the case of Cornelius and referred to in the writings of Paul,—seems even in the early church to have fallen into little esteem, and soon given place to other and more significant manifestations of the Spirit's power. And aside from the historical evidence we have of this fact, I know not why this should not have been in full accord with the most devout expectation. The day of Pentecost was a high day, a red-letter day, in the history of the church; and why should it not have been fittingly distinguished by some extraordinary manifestation of the Spirit's power and presence, a form of display never afterwards to be repeated? The Spirit descended upon Christ at His baptism in the form of a dove. We do not look for that display of the Spirit's presence to-day; why, then, of Pentecostal forms?

But another class of gifts in the early church may raise in our minds more of doubt and of questioning. There was bestowed upon the apostles the gifts of miracles and of healing. Are these gifts to be looked for to-day? A clear distinction may be drawn between the two; but the distinction is seldom regarded; and even those who claim the one and disclaim the other, fail to make their own distinction good. They certainly cannot object if we consider them both together. Now this is not a question of possibility, but of fact. We

do not ask, Can God work in this way to-day! but *Does* He? Is this gift to be had at present as one of the gifts of the spirit? There is no question that it might be. There is no question that if the spiritual exigencies of Christ's kingdom required a display of miraculous power, this power would be made manifest. But what is the evidence before us? Simply this. There are things done, there are cures wrought, which, after we have eliminated all that may be credited to the imagination, and that certainly is a very large proportion, leave for us a residuum of facts unaccounted for by our philosophy. It is possible that in some of these cases the supernatural has come nearer, and worked more directly upon, the natural than we are aware. It is possible that in some of these cases the Spirit of God has manifested this power. It is possible that, as in the time of Christ, the Spirits of evil may be exerting themselves in competition with the Spirit of God. But when we obey the Apostolic injunction, and "try the Spirits whether they are of God," when we find these cures wrought indiscriminately at Catholic shrines, and at Protestant altars, wrought by men of faith, and men of no faith, wrought by men whose open creed is a direct denial of the very existence of God, and men who frankly declare their inability to explain their own mysterious power, we certainly can never be accused of doing dishonor to the Spirit of God, if we hold that in the present state of evidence, no one of these wonders can be cited as proof of the truthfulness of any phase of the Christian faith. The power of the Spirit is manifested to-day in ways far more significant than this. A miracle is at best but of secondary importance. Miracles are but "the instrument of an impression, never the instrument of regeneration." The miraculous display at Pentecost did not convert one of those three thousand. It only brought the multitudes about the Apostles in open-mouthed wonder. But Peter's preaching of the truth, in the power of the Spirit, wrought that marvelous change in the moral natures of his hearers. Through the truth used by the Spirit, they were converted, healed in soul, a change in comparison with the healing of the body, of as much greater significance, as things eternal are than things temporal. And now we may meet any challenge of our faith in this matter of healing with the reply, We do not doubt the Divine power, we only question the manner of its exercise. We believe in far greater miracles than any in which the Master himself ever displayed His power; and the greater certainly must include the less. But will the Divine Spirit prostitute His power to the work of simply giving you or me notoriety? The measure of the Spirit's power

with you or with me must be determined by the fruits of the Spirit,—love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. That man who can show the most Christly life, the greatest manliness, the largest charity, the richest fruitage in the harvest of souls, is possessed of credentials that defy every human challenge.

There is however a gift of the Spirit which seems to be continued at the present day. Its form may vary in the matter of the time of its bestowal, in its adaptation to natural temperament, and in the kind of experience felt; but its power is the same in all. It is that special personal enduement which is accompanied with spiritual power. It is called by various names,—second conversion, rest of faith, perfection,—but names are often misleading. Is it in effect other than this, a renewed impartation of the Spirit's power given for a purpose, and fitting for a work? I think we cannot call in question the experiences to which many who have been eminent in the church, men fruitful in good works, have borne testimony,—men like Wesley and Finney and Moody, not to mention others of lesser note. This is a gift the possession of which is made evident more by the life than by the profession. Some may have it from whose lips you never hear the familiar claim. There are some persons into whose very presence you cannot come without feeling that you stand in a holy place. The very air they breathe seems pure; and the peace that passeth knowledge rests down upon them like a holy benediction. "Such men are dangerous. They cannot be approached by the sinful without conviction." Like the atmosphere of some homes, like the influence of some schools, one cannot long remain with them without desires for a better life, without new hopes, new purposes, and ultimately a new life.

3. As we turn now to the third question, and ask, How is this gift to be obtained? we find a Scriptural answer, I believe, in the single word, *Prayer*. "Ask, and ye shall receive." When the Spirit came down with power, it was upon those who had "all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." The method is as simple as asking and taking; it is as hard as a perfect submission of the human will to the will of God.

It is claimed by some that the impartation of this gift can be secured only by the observance of forms and ceremonies. Doubtless there are ordinances of the church which God uses as channels for

the bestowment of His grace. But has He limited Himself entirely to the use of these channels? Has not the Divine grace overflowed at times these formal restraints, and blessed the soul that has turned in faith to quench his thirst in the waters of life? Are we not living and acting in harmony with revealed truth, when we exalt the Spirit above the form, the substance above the shadow? And does not the Divine word and the Christian experience bear us out in the assertion, that this is a personal matter, not an official one, a matter of individual faith and experience, and not of church rites and ceremonies? Ask; receive. There are obstacles on our part to be removed before the Spirit can use us,—all forms of sensual indulgence, all thoughts of independence, all ultimate reliance upon intellectual gifts and powers. And there is as well the truth to be remembered that different natural gifts and different natural temperaments are differently adapted to the Spirit's use. I believe that many fully consecrated hearts give themselves unnecessary reproach, because they are not used in the way and to the extent that others are. And, possibly, some of Christ's professed followers add to the burdens of these faithful ones by the insinuations suggested, that such as they cannot be spiritually minded. Ministers are not above this in their estimate of the gifts of brother ministers; and I have heard no more unchristly words than those in which the suggestion has been made, that some earnest Christian worker has been lacking in spiritual gifts. Was it lack of consecration, or was it a lack only of the natural temperament that fitted for the Spirit's special use, a lack only of an unctious flow of speech? Are we to estimate the Spirit's presence in the heart by the speech that lies near to tears, by the power to work easily upon the emotion of others, or the temperament to be easily wrought upon? What then will become of many of a cooler temperament who are earnestly pressing into the kingdom of God? This gift, the gift of the Spirit, is to be received by measure, according to our capacity; and it is to be received in God's own time. It requires faith in the method, and faith in the time of its bestowal, as well as faith in the asking. But after all, the chief trouble with us is, we don't feel our need; we don't want it with a want that provokes the importunate cry.

Vague and unsettled as the popular views upon the whole subject are, it is a matter of encouragement that it is coming into discussion in a way that arrests the popular attention. Laymen now in the prime of life tell us that they remember the day when the Holy Spirit's power and work was seldom made the subject of pulpit dis-

course, and His presence rarely invoked in prayer. But at present all matters engaging the attention of the religious world seem to have a vital relation to the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Questions relating to creeds and creed subscriptions, questions relating to the unity of the Christian church, questions of revival methods, must find their final answers in the light which comes from this great truth. And the very craving after signs and wonders, as seen in the faith-cure movements, in revival excesses, and even in the following of spiritualism, only reveals a popular want, a craving after the supernatural, which the doctrine of the Holy Spirit alone can satisfy.

It is a common saying that truth is mighty and will prevail. But this is not the ground of Christian assurance. "Truth may be mighty, but it is the power of God that will prevail. Truth is not a power; it is the mere instrument of power. It is the Spirit of God working through the truth that is to conquer." The Christian institutions,—baptism, the Lord's Supper, the ministry, the preaching of the word,—these of themselves can be of no significance in the world more than other ceremonies appealing to the social instincts and intellectual cravings of men. But as channels, chosen channels, for the communication of the Holy Spirit's power, they are omnipotent, for they are Divine. Our hope for the future lies in this assurance. Not in the eloquence of men, nor in the alliance of the state; not in the perfection of our creeds, nor in the knowledge of the Divine mysteries; but in the power of the indwelling Spirit, given in fulfillment of the promise of Christ. "Take away the Holy Spirit from the church, and you take away the standing evidence of Christianity. You take away the converting power of the truth." You take away the Christ from his own. That promise then fails of fulfillment, "He shall abide with you forever." The skepticism and the hostility, and, worse than all, the indifference of the world, we may bravely meet with the simple *credo*, "I believe in the Holy Ghost."

The following triumphant challenge of the Rev. Wm. Arthur in his "Tongue of Fire" * is good for fainting hearts. I endorse it fully to its utmost claim: "I expect to see saints as lovely as any that are written of in the Scriptures,—because I believe in the Holy Ghost. I expect to see preachers as powerful to set forth Christ evidently crucified before the eyes of men, as powerful to pierce the conscience, to persuade, to convince, to convert, as any that ever shook the multitudes

* Pp. 206-8.

of Jerusalem, or Corinth, or Rome,—because I believe in the Holy Ghost. I expect to see churches the members of which shall severally be endued with spiritual gifts, and every one moving in spiritual activity, animating and edifying one another, commending themselves to the conscience of the world by their good works,—because I believe in the Holy Ghost. I expect to see villages where there is now indifference, neglect and open opposition, stirred to their depths, divided. then reunited by the subduing of the whole population to Christ,—because I believe in the Holy Ghost. I expect to see cities swept from end to end, their manners elevated, their commerce purified, their politics Christianized, their criminals reformed, their poor made to feel that they dwell among brethren, righteousness in the streets, peace in the homes, an altar at every fireside,—because I believe in the Holy Ghost. I expect the world to be overflowed with the knowledge of God, the day to come when no man shall need to say to his neighbor, 'Know thou the Lord,' but when all shall know him 'from the least unto the greatest,' east and west, north and south, uniting to praise the name of the one God and the one mediator,—because I believe in the Holy Ghost."

REPORT

OF THE

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We have come again to the annual review of our Mountain Zion—to "mark her bulwarks, and tell her towers"—to gather and group the suggestive facts of the year's history. Out of infinite alloy does the truth come to us, like the gold washed from the mountains in minute but precious particles, putting the miner upon the test of resource and patience to secure its possession.

Fellowship is the central idea, the animating spirit of the Church. Acquaintance with each other's condition in Apostolic times, interest, sympathy, help, was the great bond of union between the equal and independent churches at Jerusalem, Antioch, Ephesus, Corinth, and Rome. The affairs and needs of each were the subject of special solicitude to all the rest, as well as the occasion for the devising of methods of practical aid one for another. And if one thing more than another is needed to-day to realize the Apostolic idea of church life and church efficiency, it seems to lie in this direction. Signs are misleading, or our interpretation of them at least mistaken, if the bond of love and fellowship, which makes us all one in Christ, is not in danger of being drawn so loosely as almost to leave the body to utter disintegration. Of the twin principles of our polity, in our jealousy for the independence or autonomy of the local church, the other, equally vital if perhaps more difficult of practical realization, the unity and fellowship of the churches, seems hardly to be held and worked in its proportionate degree. We hold both as fundamental. Like the centrifugal and centripetal forces in gravitation they counterbalance each other. The equilibrium of the system depends upon their exact relation. Neither can overpass the other but at the risk of the whole. With no less of zeal, therefore, for the former, there needs a stronger emphasis of the latter. The warmth of Christian interest, the expressions of Christian sympathy, the strong and steady appliances of Christian helpfulness,—in short, the control-

ling vitality of *one* head and heart needs more abundantly to bear witness to the force and quality of the *one body* through its different members.

It is, therefore, no unmeaning service which this hour imposes to survey the field of one hundred and ninety-eight Christian Churches, trace their year's history, note their condition, and enter with fraternal spirit into their varied interests and expressions.

No great peculiarity has marked the history of our churches the past year. On the whole it has been a year of average outward prosperity, only falling in line with its immediate predecessors to reveal cumulatively certain drifts or tendencies in church life which it is the part of wisdom accurately to measure. An unusually large number of ministerial changes has taken place, leaving some of the stronger as well as the weaker churches at present unmanned; while the alternations of light and shadow are seen, as ever, in different localities and the experience of individual churches.

Two brethren in active ministerial service and the prime of manhood, Revs. Alanson S. Barton of Colchester, and Julius C. McCollom of East Arlington, have been taken from the roll by death; also one, Rev. Jabez T. Howard, once a pastor, but for many years without charge. And of ministers elsewhere, native of or once pastors in the State, we note the additional names of Revs. Edward B. Bassett, Joel Battey, Ebenezer C. Birge, Erdix Tenney, D. D., Ashael C. Washburn, Henry C. Weston, and Calvin Yale. Four of these ten were comparatively young men, and the average age of the whole number was sixty-three years one month and thirteen days, against the remarkable average of upwards of seventy-four years of the sixteen reported last year.

The list of churches with their ministerial supplies is brought down to the present time, while the statistical tables are made out, as heretofore, for the calendar year.

The number of churches has been increased since the last Convention by one, a new church having been formed at East Brookfield. This, with the new Welsh Church at Pawlet, mentioned last year, but not yet reporting itself with us, makes the present number of Congregational Churches in Vermont one hundred and ninety-nine. There are now only forty-nine churches with settled pastors, four less than last year, twelve pastors having been dismissed, and eight installed since the last report. Eighty-three churches have acting pastors, eleven less than last year; twenty-two are otherwise supplied, against nineteen in the last report; and forty-four are vacant, an increase of

thirteen. Some of our strongest churches are among the vacancies which have very recently occurred, and in the nature of things they cannot long remain in that condition.

The ministerial roll numbers forty-nine pastors, sixty-nine acting pastors, and thirty-seven without charge; total, one hundred and fifty-five, a reduction of nineteen during the year. This shows an unusual draft upon the Vermont ministry by influences elsewhere. What those influences are: whether from a diminishing of hopefulness among our own churches, or a sudden superior attractiveness of other fields; whether, and how largely, due to current tendencies in church life and doctrine; and whether spasmodic, or likely to be permanent,—are matters for serious consideration. One thing is self-evident, that, with the natural gravitation of men towards evil, and the inevitable crystallization of communities destitute of evangelistic agencies into religious indifference and special forms of unbelief, and with the arrogant encroachments of the anti-christian spirit of the times,—our churches cannot long maintain their ground, much less enlarge their sphere. They will drift and die, without a vigorous, faithful, and permanent ministry. And that such a process is already begun—a tendency of things in this direction sufficiently revealed for our warning—it needs only a careful study of the statistics of the last few years clearly to show.

One hundred and ninety churches report statistics for 1882 with more or less completeness. The remainder, not answering to their names, are perhaps unreportable, and their names are handed down only to complete the list. The aggregate membership reported is nineteen thousand four hundred and thirteen, a decrease of two hundred and ten from the last report. There were seven hundred and ninety-six admissions—four hundred and forty-one upon profession, and three hundred and fifty-five by letter. The removals were eight hundred and thirty-eight—three hundred and seventy-two by death, four hundred and nineteen by dismission, and forty-seven by discipline; giving a net loss of forty-two. Five Conferences only show a net gain, viz.: Chittenden, Orleans, Rutland, Washington and Windham, the remaining eight counting upon the side of loss.

Eighty-four churches report no additions by profession, and fifty-four no additions whatever. Only sixty-five churches, or about one-third as many as last year, report any infant baptisms, and nineteen of these give more than sixty per cent. of the whole number. The whole number is one hundred and fifty-eight, against one hundred and seventy-one last year.

The number of Sabbath-schools reported is one hundred and seventy-nine, with a membership of twenty thousand eight hundred and forty-two. In those schools whose numbers are given for both years, 1881 and 1882, there is a decrease in attendance of four hundred and sixty-six, or nearly two and one-fourth per cent. Every Conference reports a loss except Addison, Caledonia and Essex.

The item of "average congregation" is this year dropped from the tables to conform them more nearly to the requirements of the Year Book, and as being probably the least reliable of all the items hitherto required. All its value as a basis of estimate is practically included in the more accurate specification of "Families belonging to the Parish." Its continuation, therefore, seems needless. The whole number of families belonging to one hundred and seventy-six parishes is eleven thousand nine hundred and forty-five. These indicate at least a total population of from fifty to sixty thousand, or from one-sixth to one-fifth of the population of the State, as within the legitimate field of the Congregational Churches of Vermont. Comparing, however, this year's report with that of the same churches last year, there is a falling off of one hundred and ninety families, or over one and one-half per cent. It is a small decrease, it is true, and were it only for a single year might be referred to local and transient causes, and pass without special attention. But the same thing has been so far true for a series of years as to indicate a gradual, though imperceptible, decline. Last year we noticed a diminution of nearly eight per cent. in three years in attendance upon public worship, and this year adds a decline of two and one-fourth per cent in Sabbath-school attendance, with one and one-half per cent. in the number of families reached by church ministrations. The decrease, as a rule, is not in the larger parishes, nor in those where the ministry has remained most permanent, but in the rural towns, among the more scattered populations, the smaller churches where a constantly shifting and inefficient ministry, or no ministry at all, has been for years maintained, and chronic indifference broods like a nightmare over the community. Here is a fact which we are brought to face which no philosophy, however liberal, can explain away—a fact of sad significance in our estimate of spiritual forces and life, whether regarded as itself a primary cause of evil, or only a sign of pre-existing evils. The problem is how to bind more closely in interest and sympathy the ministry and the churches, and arrest the growth of irreligion where church influence is diminishing.

In benevolent contributions the year 1882 makes a noble record for

our churches, in aggregate amount surpassing that of any previous year. Large gifts from individuals to special objects, as well as the increase of smaller gifts in many churches, indicate both an increase of ability and a corresponding expansion of heart. To the wider fields and more urgent calls which come through our representative benevolent societies Vermont gives an encouraging response. The figures are these: total contributions from one hundred and sixty-six churches fifty-eight thousand four hundred and seventy-two dollars, an increase from last year of fourteen thousand six hundred and sixty-three dollars, or more than thirty-three and one-third per cent. But twice before, in 1872 and 1877, has the amount of contributions reported reached fifty thousand dollars, and the highest of those years was more than five thousand dollars less than our present report. Twenty-five churches report no contributions, and eight are unreported. The average sum to each resident member of the churches contributing is four dollars and one cent. The different objects represented by the Congregational Societies have gained as follows:—American Congregational Union (forty-five churches contributing against forty-one last year) seven hundred and eighty-three per cent.; Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society (fourteen churches contributing against eleven and five respectively in the two preceding years) ninety per cent.; American Missionary Association, seventy-one per cent.; Home Missions, twenty-three per cent.; and Foreign Missions, twenty per cent.; while to the cause of Education there is a decrease of twenty-four per cent., on account of exceptionally large gifts to this object last year; and to all other objects a decrease of twenty-three per cent. That the increase is not all, nor mainly, in one direction, and also that there is a gradual withdrawal of attention from miscellaneous charities, and a concentration upon the grand objects of our representative boards, are evidences alike of broad catholicity and of Congregational loyalty.

A new item, "Home Expenditures," is added this year to the statistics, which may form the basis of some valuable estimates. One hundred and fifty-eight churches respond to this inquiry with an aggregate of one hundred and seventy-five thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine dollars. Fifteen churches report over two thousand dollars each; thirty-three between one and two thousand dollars; sixty-one between five hundred and one thousand dollars; and forty-nine less than five hundred dollars. The average rate per resident member of the churches reporting is twelve dollars and eighty-eight cents. At the same rate for the remaining churches the total sum would be

but little short of two hundred thousand dollars. Add to this the benevolent contributions, and over a quarter of a million of dollars, or nearly seventeen dollars per member, was expended in 1882 directly in the work of the churches of Vermont. With the reports of 1875 and 1876 as a basis, the property held by the churches for distinctively religious uses, chiefly in houses of worship and parsonages, cannot now be less than from one and three-fourths to two millions of dollars. What a factor this is, even in the material well being of the State, and what it represents as a living force in our families and the world, is beyond the computation of our arithmetic. Certain it is, that it helps to swell the tide of evangelizing influences which give promise of the coming of the latter day. But *so much* visible only suggests the thought of the still *latent* undeveloped resources of the church—the possibility of how much advance from this point onward! Let comparison be made, in an economical point of view, with the cost of our courts, and prisoners, and litigations, or with the investments and expenditure of that ruinous traffic which supports the very vices which the Gospel was designed to eradicate and heal; or even with the outlay and returns of single forms of legitimate secular enterprises,—and the contrast is of mortifying and almost appalling emphasis. The sagacity of the world rebukes the sluggishness of the church, for, indeed, "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." To say nothing of the interests of the soul and a future life, it is a fact demonstrated over and over again, that no cheaper or more effective agency can be employed for the temporal peace, order, and prosperity of our people, and the stability of our institutions, than the liberal support of these little churches upon the hill-sides and in the valleys of our beloved commonwealth. They cannot be left to languish and die. If mere *worldly* prudence, therefore, prompts to the devising of liberal things in this regard, how much larger plans ought not our *Christian* consecration to conceive, and how much more abundant results accomplish!

But to particularize more minutely the condition of the churches, we now group the facts of interest as they come from the thirteen separate Conferences. In

ADDISON CONFERENCE

we note changes in the ministerial supply of the churches in Bridport and Shoreham, the faithful pastor of nearly twenty years having been dismissed from the latter, only however to be installed in another of our waiting fields. Cornwall, Ferrisburgh and Salisbury are left va-

cant, in addition to Bristol and Whiting of last year. Ripton, last year vacant, has obtained a supply, and at New Haven a pastor has again been installed. The church in Middlebury especially is blessed with the signs of outward prosperity, repairs to the amount of upwards of three thousand dollars having been completed upon the parsonage, and plans of vigorous pastoral work undertaken. Orwell rejoices in munificent gifts as a permanent fund for the support of preaching and other purposes directly connected with her interest, and in increased activity for the Sunday-school; while Vergennes mourns with her pastor the bereavement of his domestic circle in the sudden death of an amiable and devoted Christian wife. The reported contributions of the Conference are seven per cent. in advance of the previous year, although several of the churches show a falling off. No revival interest has occurred in any of the churches, and less than one-half report any additions by profession during 1882. The removals exceed the total additions by twenty. Socially and politically the temperance sentiment throughout the county is at present overshadowed by the activity of the rum influence, and the "rum shop" in the larger places is the chief and boldest antagonist of the evangelizing influence of the church. From

BENNINGTON CONFERENCE,

through the failure of the reporter to supply material beyond statistics, only general items can be given. The additions to the churches during 1882 were ten less than the removals, only the Second and North churches in Bennington, and those in Manchester and Rupert, reporting any additions by profession. The pastors of Bennington Second and Peru have been dismissed, the former removing from the State, the latter finding a field again within our bounds. The acting pastor at East Arlington has been removed by death. His last sermon was preached on the first Sabbath of 1883, and his last official act was the receiving at that time of one young man to church membership. The little church is left without Sabbath services at present, but in the hope that soon the fire may be rekindled upon her altar. Peru and North Pownal have temporary supplies not resident with them, and East Dorset is supplied by a Methodist. Only three of the pastorates of this Conference continue, and two acting pastorates. The benevolent contributions have decreased over nine per cent. from the last report; only Dorset, Manchester and Rupert showing any increase. The Second church in Bennington has, without debt, made ready for the occupation of her next and fourth pastor a new and elegant parson-

age, at a cost of five thousand dollars; and the church at Manchester has received several additions since the first of January.

Caledonia Conference.

Less material than usual is supplied from this Conference. Two pastors have been dismissed, and one ordained and installed within the year. Within two years almost the entire ministry of this County has changed, but two pastors now remaining in the field which they then occupied. In 1881, seven pastors were reported, last year four, this year but three, and new names fill the entire roll of acting pastors. There was a net loss of five in church membership in 1882, a gain, however, of twenty-six per cent. in reported benevolent contributions over the previous year. Barnet has settled a pastor. Cabot, Danville, Hardwick and Peacham have fallen into the increasing ranks of the acting pastorate. Kirby, Lyndon and East St. Johnsbury are without supply. McIndoes has received several additions during the year. At Lyndon there is reported a good work, and some manifestations of interest at Peacham. The characteristic Christian activity of St. Johnsbury has fully maintained its standard. In the academy, and the Y. M. C. A., and among the young working people of the place, good work has been done, with many conversions. A conference of workers, preceded by much prayer, was held in the fall, manifesting great spiritual power, and promising a harvest at hand. Many started in the Christian life. But the church members failed to recognize the opportunity and adequately feel responsibility, and the upward current did not prevail. With reference to the influence upon the neighboring churches from this center and such an opportunity, one brother writes, "Had we realized how critical was the situation, and moved a little more strongly at St. Johnsbury, we might have seen great results."

St. Johnsbury First, vacant for a year, is now again supplied. At St. Johsbury East the pastor has been dismissed, and there seems little to encourage. Waterford has recently received some additions.

Chittenden Conference.

The report of benevolence of this Conference for 1882 is a decrease of eighteen per cent. from the previous year, some individual churches however showing a slight gain. In other respects the report of spiritual condition and religious activity is more encouraging than for many years. In the first church in Burlington, during and after the week of prayer, there was a great quickening of Christians, and

special interest among the young, with many hopeful conversions. Since January first about forty have united with the church, and have engaged heartily in Christian work. The spirit of benevolence in the church is also increased. Burlington Third has dismissed its pastor, much esteemed in the city and throughout the Conference, as well as the State, and whose relation began with its organization. He has removed from the State. The acting pastor in Colchester was disabled for some months, and has since died. In the autumn the church was blessed and sinners converted during special meetings by an evangelist, and ten have made profession of their faith. A new acting pastor began labor there in March. Charlotte reports continued prosperity. At Essex there was special interest in the autumn, and conversions especially of students in the Academy. At Essex Junction ten have united with the church upon profession. Hinesburgh reports increased attendance upon Sabbath worship, and better social meetings. Both churches in Jericho were revived in the winter, and have received several additions. Richmond was greatly blessed during the week of prayer and the following weeks, and received four members in January, thirty in March, and two in May, thirty-six in all, more than doubling her resident membership. Underhill also was revived in union meetings during the winter, and received twenty-one additions. The acting pastor is about closing his labors there. Westford has a somewhat increased congregation and Sab bath-school, but has suffered from the grievous fall of a prominent member. Williston during the first part of the year was without preaching and much discouraged, but took heart anew with the securing of a new acting pastor in January, since which time there have been several conversions, and eight additions to the church. The evangelist, Rev. E. A. Whittier, labored faithfully with eight churches in this Conference during the fall and winter, and his labors were blessed. Already since January first, twice the whole number of additions reported in 1882 have been made to the churches by profession, and will appear in the statistics for 1883.

Essex Conference.

Essex County north of Guildhall is a needy mission field, almost entirely unoccupied even by other evangelical denominations. It needs the self denial and patience of the missionary pioneer. Of the three churches of this Conference which belong to Vermont, Granby and Victory is unfortunately in a state of gradual decline. The prevailing sentiment of the community is not Congregational, and in

eight years the attendance on public worship has diminished one-third, and the resident membership of the church has declined from forty-two to twenty-five. It steadfastly maintains, however, its worship and ordinances, and hopes for a brighter day to come. Guildhall has made decided advance in attendance on public worship, benevolence, and internal spiritual condition. The church has received accessions, also the gift of a communion service from one of its own members, and repairs to the extent of $300 have been made on the church and parsonage. The supply of the past year is soon to be installed as pastor, when, it is to be hoped, this church will become a strategic point for the regions beyond. From Lunenburgh nothing of special interest is reported.

Franklin and Grand Isle Conference.

There is now but one settled pastor in the twelve churches of this Conference. Six acting pastors are reported and three vacancies. Sixty-seven years ago the Rev. James Parker, who had been laboring here under special appointment of the Domestic Missionary Society, reported but two Congregational ministers in Franklin County, and ten churches with four hundred and eighty-eight members; and no town that he visited was able or disposed to support the Gospel. Two of the churches which he then enumerated have since died, one now belongs to another Conference, and one has been added from Grand Isle County; while at least six others have been formed, two of which have also died, and two of those same churches have to-day less than one-half the resident membership which he then reported. There are now twelve churches and seven ministers all told in service in this Conference, and a resident membership less than twice as large as at that time, while the business and wealth and population of the same territory has increased many fold. There were additions by profession the last year to just one-half those churches, only one member each, however, to two of them, and the whole number of additions was twenty-two less than the removals. This net loss in one year is almost equal to the whole membership then enrolled by either Bakersfield, Berkshire, or Highgate, and Enosburgh and Swanton were only a little in advance. This comparison is not introduced for the purpose of unfavorable comment, but is left to suggest its own inferences. It is a conspicuous example of influences and forces which are working *as really* elsewhere, if not in the same degree. And if Evangelical Christianity, and especially the Congregational polity, encounters peculiar

obstacles in Franklin County, the emphasis of the illustration applies itself to the need of seeking out those counter elements and forces, not of man, which, thus far overlooked, must be supplied to give to these churches the winning effectiveness of the Gospel upon the hearts of men.

The general tone of the reports this year from the churches of this Conference is not jubilant in the present experience of blessing; it is rather the plaintive wail of the captives in Babylon, who hung their harps upon the willows when they remembered Zion. Religious indifference and the increase of intemperance are specially mourned. Yet as a whole the churches themselves have maintained their ground. Benevolent contributions have advanced nineteen per cent. and in some instances Sabbath congregations and Sunday schools have increased. At Bakersfield the outlook is encouraging, but the church is not entirely harmonious. The spiritual condition of Enosburgh is good. Georgia is afflicted in the loss by death of one of its officers and pillars, but is otherwise hopeful. In Montgomery some revival interest is noted. Sheldon has just secured an acting pastor. St. Albans has dismissed its pastor, and he has gone from the State; and Swanton shows an improved condition both financially and spiritually, with extensive repairs upon her house of worship, and the accession recently of several members.

From the eight churches of

LAMOILLE CONFERENCE,

Cambridge reports "peace among the brethren, and some prospective additions of our youth." At Morrisville a growing interest for some time manifested was increased by special observance during the week of prayer, and culminated with the work of brethren from St. Johnsbury on the two Sabbaths following. A considerable number took a stand for Christ. Eight have united with the church, and others will follow at the next communion. Stowe has settled a pastor, and is in a very hopeful condition. At Johnson there is an increasing interest in religious life. A young people's meeting is sustained. Gospel workers from St. Johnsbury have twice visited the church during the winter, with good results. Several persons are soon to unite with the church as the fruit of a work still going on, and others connected with the school will unite with the churches at their homes. The church at Hydepark still worships in a union house with the Methodists. It "ought to arise and build." North Hydepark and Waterville, sup-

plied by Methodist preaching the past year, are to be supplied the year to come alternately by the Methodists and the pastor at Johnson. The acting pastor at Wolcott was disabled some months ago, and the church is now destitute of preaching and somewhat discouraged. The benevolent contributions of the Conference for 1882 were slightly less than for 1881, and the admissions to the churches five less than the removals.

Orange Conference.

A new church has been added to the list of this Conference, organized at East Brookfield Jan. 26, with twenty-one members. Of the wisdom of this organization in a town of diminishing population, where there are already two churches of the same order under one ministry, and drawing its membership almost wholly from those churches, it is only for the future to pronounce. At present this is the only church of the twenty-three enrolled which is not supplied in some form with the regular means of grace.

There have been proportionately fewer ministerial changes in this Conference the past year than in the State at large. In some additional instances two contiguous churches have united their strength, and secured a better prospect of permanent service than for a long time before. This is true of the two churches in Braintree, and those at North Thetford and Post Mills. The two latter especially are inspired with new hope under the acceptable labors of a former Methodist local preacher, who has, however, became a member of one of them as well as of a Congregational Ministerial Association. The two churches in Brookfield also continue under the same supply. Tunbridge is supplied by the pastor from Chelsea, and Fairlee still by the pastor from Bradford. This conservation of ministerial force and example of Christian fraternity, by which ten churches out of twenty-three in a single Conference are efficiently served by half that number of ministers, is as pleasing as it is perhaps suggestive of the possible solution of the problem which the present ministerial dearth is forcing upon our weaker churches. One pastor, just ordained and installed at West Fairlee, has also been added to the roll of this Conference. The church in Orange, which has had only irregular supply during the year, has now secured permanently the service of an acting pastor. The figures for 1882 show a net gain of thirteen in the church membership of this Conference, and that the churches fully hold their own in benevolent work. For several years there has been a singular dearth of revival interest among these churches, and the additions

have been few. Since January, however, there has been a change in this respect which is likely to affect both their spiritual condition and numerical strength for some time to come. The work most marked in character and results has been at Wells River. It came unexpectedly to the church, if not at first even to the pastor. Few church members attended the services of the week of prayer, but an unusually large and increasing number of the unconverted. An extra meeting was appointed for the week following, with still increasing interest; the pastor engaged in earnest personal work with the impenitent, and the aid of workers from St. Johnsbury was invited. As a result it is believed that not less than seventy persons have entertained the Christian hope. Thirty-nine have already united with the church, a large proportion being males and many in mature life, and others still are expected to come forward. A great change has been wrought in the morals of the place and the general prospects of the church. At Chelsea the work has been mainly with the young, aided only by two or three days service from neighboring pastors, and, as at Wells River, the blessing comes to an unprepared church. Several have made profession of their faith. At Corinth, particularly the East Village, an unusual interest has prevailed, greatly increased by the services of the week of prayer and the aid of Gospel workers in February and March. Family feuds have been healed, backsliders quickened, and more than a score of members added to the church. At Fairlee, in union with the Methodists, there has also been a spiritual quickening, and several additions during the winter, which have greatly encouraged the church. At Newbury also a good work whose fruits will abide was begun in the winter, aided by extra meetings and Christian workers from abroad, and several additions were received. On account, however, of damage by fire to their house of worship and the death of a most devout and efficient church officer, the work has since been at a disadvantage. West Newbury has been blessed with several conversions and some additions. Vershire has had eleven accessions, and shows revived interest, having reduced one-half her demand upon the V. D. M. S. The church in Bradford, the two churches in Brookfield, also the churches in Strafford and Thetford, are reported in healthful condition, and nearly all have been encouraged by conversions and some additions. The two churches in Braintree have been blessed with renewed spiritual prosperity within the last six months. Particularly at East Braintree there have been revival indications in the large Sabbath congregations and Sunday-school. The acting pastor has held children's meetings which have

called in the parents. and the result has been several cases of hopeful conversion. Corinth, Strafford, Newbury and West Newbury have suffered to an usual extent by the death and removal of members. West Randolph has nearly completed a fine parsonage, for which subscriptions were begun at its semi-centennial two years ago. Strafford has made extensive repairs on its house of worship, and the Second Church in Brookfield, with the churches at Newbury and Wells River, is moving in the same direction. In

Orleans Conference

one pastor has been dismissed and one installed, and one resident minister has died; and four churches are now without supply. The report for the year ending December 31st, shows a net gain of thirty in the membership of the churches, and since then the additions have probably somewhat exceeded the removals. Craftsbury and Albany continue to unite in the support of preaching, the former with increasing congregation and Sabbath-school, and the latter successfully combatting the injurious effects of closing its house of worsihp a whole year by the regathering of its congregation and re-establishment of its Sabbath-school and prayer meeting. At Greensboro quite large additions have been made during the year—seven at the March Communion—and plans are made for the thorough repair of the house of worship. The society had no missionary aid the past year, and asks none for the present. Glover tells of special interest in the west part of the town, and increased congregations at the east. The pastor at Barton has just been dismissed after five years of faithful service. during which forty members have been added to the church, more than half by profession, and the debt of the church nearly extinguished. Irasburgh has changed its acting pastor. Brownington reports a large addition as the results of last year's quiet revival, and at Barton Landing there has been a little gain. This double church has lost its acting pastor, and is deserving of credit for its Christian wisdom and patience in the severe and peculiar trial which came upon it in the effort to secure another. This is a case which emphasizes the need of the strict and orderly Congregational method, first of putting a man into the ministry, and then of the caution to be exercised in preserving an unimpeachable ministerial record. After many years of frequent changes the church in Coventry has now a settled pastor, the beginning of whose labor is attended with great promise. Late last summer the acting pastor at Charleston and Morgan left his charge, removing to another State. The church in Morgan has since

been without pastoral care, and Charleston has united with Derby in supporting a minister. Charleston by great effort and self-denial has raised nearly one thousand dollars for necessary repairs on her church edifice, and both Charleston and Derby report fresh interest in prayer meeting, temperance work, and missionary concerts. Brighton still maintains the struggle against its peculiar discouragements, in the the midst of which "holding its own" is really great gain. The church at Holland has been greatly strengthened by the revival of last year, and expended six hundred dollars in repairs of its house of worship. The cause of religion has made substantial gain in Newport, fourteen having been added to the church during the year. The church is well organized for work, and is more successful than in years past in adapting its work to the needs of the community. A new impulse has been felt in gaining knowledge of, and contributing to, Foreign Missions. The church is fast outgrowing its house of worship, already twice enlarged, and will have a new one when it can be secured without debt. But once before, seven years ago, has the Convention met within the bounds of this County. The fine residences, the business air, the substantial thrift and prosperity, and above all, the hearty Christian hospitality which we witness to-day, speak only of what the providence combined with the grace of God is able to accomplish. The little church in Troy has recently built and furnished a vestry, and at North Troy an effort has been made to the same end. At Westfield and Lowell, through the labors of an evangelist during the winter, the churches have been much refreshed, there having been a score or more of hopeful conversions in the latter place, and eight additions already to the church.

The figures, and the almost entire silence of the churches in

Rutland Conference

are all that speak to us to-day of their condition. It is to be regretted that so little that is reportable has been accomplished the past year. There was, however, a net gain of nineteen in church membership, and of twenty per cent. in benevolent contributions. Ministerial changes appear at Castleton, which is now vacant, and Hubbardton, which has secured again an acting pastor; also at Pawlet and Wallingford, the latter having just called a pastor who it is understood accepts. Rutland maintains a steady growth, receiving some members by profession and many by letter. Poultney rejoices in having paid its debt, and made needed repairs on its house of worship. Brandon felt hopeful of special blessing in the early winter, but there

were no marked results. West Rutland held a two days' meeting, inviting other churches, which as a Christian Conference was enjoyable and helpful, but it resulted in no fruits from the impenitent. Fairhaven is the only church which reports any special revival interest, a few hopeful conversions having there taken place.

There is also very little of special interest to report from the churches of

Washington Conference.

By the tables the additions to the churches in 1882 exceeded the removals by two, and the Benevolent Contributions were three and one-half times as large as in 1881. The year has been one of the most unfruitful of the last decade. The churches are all now supplied with regular preaching. A pastor has been installed at Plainfield, making a total of seven pastors in the County. Barre reports increased attendance and interest in public worship and Sabbath-school. Berlin is still suffering from internal dissensions; some good results, however, came from a fellowship meeting there in February. Marshfield was destitute of preaching for more than a year, the people scattered and discouraged, but early in the winter arrangements were made for regular preaching, and the church is now in a more hopeful condition. At Montpelier the Sabbath congregations are somewhat increased, and good attention is given to the preaching of the Word. The church in Northfield has made some changes in internal organization to increase its efficiency in Christian work. Plainfield, rejoicing in its new pastor, has received some quickening and accessions. Roxbury also has received some additions, and Waitsfield reports increased interest in the preaching and study of the Word, and some conversions. At Waterbury a young people's meeting has been sustained since the week of prayer with very encouraging interest. Worcester and Woodbury, in the midst of much that is outwardly discouraging, yet rejoice in some favorable indications.

The report from the churches in

Windham Conference

indicates general prosperity and good work done during the year. Two pastors have been ordained and installed. The number of additions to membership was twenty-two greater than the removals, and the benevolent contributions increased. The churches at Wilmington and Windham show the largest gains for 1882. Most of the churches report an increase in the numbers and interest of the Sabbath-school.

There comes with this the complaint of the extensive circulation among the people from some unknown source, through the mails, of a class of cheap publications designed to throw discredit upon the Bible and defeat the efforts of the churches to awaken interest in its study. But little fruit of these pernicious efforts has yet become visible, but enough to show the malignity of the enemies of the truth, and to put Christian parents and churches upon their guard in diligent counter efforts for the instruction of the young. The churches at Brattleboro and West Brattleboro have received some additions since January. Putney also rejoices in several additions. The church at Bellows Falls is increasing in numbers and strength, and has begun the enlargement and remodelling of its house of worship at a proposed expense of $6000. The church edifice at Jamaica has been repaired and refurnished. The church at Wilmington suffered the entire loss of its house of worship by fire in the autumn, but the work of rebuilding is now going on with good courage. The Union church building also at Cambridgeport has been repaired. The church at West Townshend still retains as its supply a man who was last autumn dismissed without papers from the Windham Association, and disfellowshiped by unanimous vote of the church in Townshend, where he had supplied for several years. There is consequently division in the church, and a state of feeling destructive of spiritual growth and good fellowship. With this exception the churches of the county are well united, ministers and people earnestly laboring for the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom, and not without fruit in the growth of Christian graces, and the conversion of impenitent men. In

Windsor Conference

there have been ministerial changes at Bethel, Bridgewater, Hartland, Chester, Pittsfield, Pomfret, Rochester, Royalton, South Royalton, Stockbridge, Weston, and Windsor. Chester, Rochester and Stockbridge are now vacant. Two pastors have been dismissed and none installed during the year. The removals of 1882 exceed the additions to the churches by forty-one. The largest increase of benevolent contributions in the state comes from a single church in this Conference, which raises the usually large aggregate of the county more than sixty per cent. above last year. At Chester there was a precious revival during the last months of the statistical year by which twelve persons were added to the church on the first Sabbath in January. No tidings of revival come from any other church in the Conference, although several have received some additions. The church

at West Hartford has raised $1,100 for the purchase and repairs of a parsonage. The old church at Plymouth was reorganized November 28 under very hopeful circumstances, and the community are already taking the initial steps towards a new church building, to be located at Tyson's Furnace. The church in Woodstock by unanimous vote has restated its articles of faith in simpler and more Scriptural form.

Thus ends again the annual survey of the field and work of the Congregational Churches of Vermont. The year has now passed into history and become a seed for the future. It is impossible by any words or figures accurately to measure spiritual activities and results. "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation." It is really very little that we can know, by touching here and there the surface of the sphere, the nature and the quality of the substance beneath. Yet this is a natural means of approach to better knowledge. The fruit which we taste reveals the nature of the stock. And we are much mistaken if, from the mingling light and shadow of another year's experience, many things are not suggested—emphasized, it may be, by added repetition—which should awaken our gratitude, quicken our vigilance and zeal, instruct our inexperience, and freshen our remembrance of the obligations of Christian faith and fellowship and charity. If again the picture seems to wear a somewhat too sombre hue, be it remembered that this report does not *create* but simply records the facts, none of which is it the part of wisdom to ignore.

Varied analogies are employed to express the Divine idea of the Christian church on earth. No single figure is complete enough to represent the entire conception. It is a *temple* built upon a sure foundation, "Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone," in which also individual believers appear as different parts of the edifice, "all fitly framed together" for a dwelling-place of God. It is compared to the *human body*, well-proportioned and harmonious, of which Christ is the head, and to the health and beauty and perfection of which every member contributes "according to the effectual working in the measures of every part." The *marriage relation* also is employed, and the church stands as the supreme ideal of the highest devotion and sanctity known to the purest minds on earth.

It is a peerless honor, therefore, which is conferred, not only upon the church herself as she is known outwardly to the world, but upon every member of it, and highest obligations of personal loyalty are imposed. To mar in the least her purity, or disturb her harmony, to

prevent her normal growth, or rob her of her prosperity and power, is a crime beyond our measurement. To be a member of the church and not bestow upon her all personal attention and labor is a wrong and delinquency of inconceivable magnitude. There are indeed great diversities of gifts, and individual condition and circumstances vary through a very wide range, making large differences in the kind and amount of service to be rendered by the different members. But each has his place, and with the diversity of gifts and opportunity there are corresponding varieties of work to be done. And the applying thought comes here—to every one of these churches, and every member throughout the State, as the condition and results of the year's work are once more before us—what are we making of the church? How do we treat and use it? And how much responsibility may perhaps lie at our own door for any crippled life and spiritual torpor of the body of which we are members? Sometimes, we know, our dwellings need to be rebuilt or remodeled to meet inereasing demands, or to keep pace with new discoveries of what is best. And this kind of improvement is continually going on with the men of thrift and wisdom. Constantly new appliances and conveniences are being discovered which are duly incorporated in the structure of his home. The same thing is true in the onward working of God's plans in the church. Our religion must be both an impulse and a rule of growth. It may not be pleasant to see the old bottles burst under the pressure of the new wine, to see that which has long been cherished vanish and be superseded, and it may be costly, too, in such a sense to make improvements, but is more so *not* to do it. This is the inevitable law of things. The Darwinian law of the "survival of the fittest," whatever we may think of its dominion in nature, has an infinite sweep of power in the realm of spirit. So God is leading the world onward; so He leads and teaches us, and makes us glad coworkers with Him for the uplifting and redemption of lost men.

And our faith rests unshaken in the thought of the immovable foundation of the church. A recent tourist graphically describes a scene with a friend from the top of our own Mt. Mansfield which suggests a happy parallel. The scene was beautiful on reaching the summit, he says, and the sunset clear, but in the night there came on a furious storm. It seemed as if the little hotel in which we were trying to sleep would be thrown from the mountain top. We looked out of the little window down upon the mountain side and it was one vast sheet of lightning all the time. The thunders were harsh, and it seemed as if, in the violence of the storm, the mountain itself would fairly be

torn from its resting place. The next morning, however, we looked out of the same windows. How calm and beautiful it all was! We looked down upon Lake Champlain and the surface was just as smooth as if it had never been disturbed by the keel of a boat or a boatman's oar, and far to the north we could see the spires of Montreal standing up like silver needles in the distance, while to the westward lay the Adirondack regions and eastward the White Mountain range. The air was clear as crystal, and old Mansfield beneath our feet just as firm as ever. So resting upon the firm mountain is the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Scepticism may come with all the violence of its errors, temptation may assail, the thunder and lightning of opposition may come, the furious blasts may blow, and it would seem sometimes as if she herself were trembling and falling with the violence and shock of the storm. But she does stand, and will stand, for she is founded upon the Rock.

A. W. WILD, *Cor. Sec.*

OBITUARY NOTICES.

Rev. ALANSON SALTMARSH BARTON, son of Walter and Julia (Eldredge) Barton, was born in New Haven, Vt., February 14, 1832. He fitted for college at Johnson Academy, and was graduated at Middlebury College in 1857, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1861. He was licensed to preach by the Addison Association at Middlebury in July, 1861, and preached one year at North Potsdam and East Stockholm, N. Y. He was ordained as an evangelist at New Haven, October 29, 1862, and in May following commenced preaching at Shirley Village, Mass., for a year. He was acting pastor at Georgia, Vt., 1864–65, and at Saxtons River, 1865–66. March 12, 1867, he was installed pastor of the church at Townshend, Rev. C. B. Hulbert of New Haven preaching the sermon, and was dismissed December 13, 1869. For a few months he remained at Townshend without charge, and afterwards resided at Middlebury several years, supplying vacant churches as opportunity offered, particularly the church in Salisbury in 1870, and the church in Whiting in 1874. Early in 1877 he became acting pastor of the church in Colchester, and labored acceptably and successfully until the spring of 1882, when pulmonary disease, which had for some time been threatening him, so far developed as to compel him to discontinue preaching and resort for several months to the Fletcher Hospital at Burlington for treatment. Encouraged by physicians and friends to expect relief by seeking a milder climate for the winter, he sailed from New York for California via Panama, November 20, accompanied by his wife and son. But the voyage proved too much for his strength, and, gradually growing weaker, he died at sea December 8, six days out from Panama, aged 50 years, 9 months and 24 days. To those who knew him intimately Mr. Barton was a man of great simplicity and guilelessness of character, laboring in the ministry under certain disabilities of circumstances and personal temperament, in the overcoming of which was seen the evidence of the reality and power of Christian faith ripening for a better life. His wife was Mary E. Barrows of Middlebury.

Rev. JULIUS CLINTON MCCOLLOM was born in Pittsfield, December 23, 1841. His parents were George and Marcia (Holt) McCollom, of Scotch-Irish descent. He had only a common-school education, and at the age of twenty began the study of law with the Hon. Edmund Weston of West Randolph. In 1863 he entered the Law Department of the University of Albany, and was admitted to the practice of the law in the courts of New York, May 5, 1864, and subsequently to the bar of Rutland County and the Vermont Supreme Court. He was Deputy County Clerk of Rutland County from October, 1864, to April, 1865; then practiced a year in Pittsfield, and afterwards with Col. Charles H. Joyce of Rutland until November, 1867. Meantime, a severe struggle with convictions of duty as a Christian had long been going on in his mind, which now culminated in the abandonment of the law for the ministry of the Gospel. Under the advice and aid of a ministerial friend he began to labor at once, and with manifest success, at Cambridgeport, and with only brief and private theological preparation, received a formal approbation to preach from the Windham Association at Saxton's River, February 5, 1868. In April, 1868, under his labors, a new church was organized of twenty-one members, over which he was ordained and installed as pastor, March 23, 1869, Rev. A. Stevens, D. D., preaching the sermon. The moral conditions of the place had greatly changed by revival influences, and the church had nearly doubled its membership at the time of his ordination. He was dismissed May 26, 1873, and became the acting pastor of the church in East Arlington. To this church he ministered continuously and acceptably, with the exception of one year—June, 1881-82, when he was acting pastor of the church at Post Mills—until his death. His last service was on the first Sabbath in January, 1883, at which time he received one member to the church upon profession of faith. He died at East Arlington, February 19, 1883, aged 41 years, 1 month and 26 days.

Rev. JABEZ TRUE HOWARD was the son of John and Sarah (True) Howard, and was born in Haverhill, New Hampshire, August 22, 1804. He partially fitted for College at Atkinson Academy, but at the age of twenty-one turned to mercantile business, in which he engaged ten years at Hampstead. He then entered the Gilmanton Theological Seminary, where he was graduated in 1839. In November of that year he was licensed to preach by the Deerfield Association at Gilmanton, and was ordained and installed over the Congregational church in Elmore, Vermont, January 19, 1841, Rev.

Samuel Delano preaching the sermon. He was dismissed August 24, 1842, and installed at Holland June 13, 1844, sermon by Rev. James Johnson of Irasburgh. In 1848, in connection with this pastorate, he began the supply on alternate Sabbaths of the church in West Charleston, removing to the latter place, and continued until 1856, when, his health failing, he ceased preaching and retired to a farm. His relation to the church in Holland by mutual consent continued nominally until terminated by vote on the part of the church in March, 1867. This vote, however, was passed without Mr. Howard's knowledge, and was not recorded, and Mr. Howard claimed a regular dismission by Council, which at length was obtained by an ex-parte Council called by Mr. Howard January 16, 1872, and the church was advised to accept and make record of the same. Mr. Howard became a member of the church in West Charleston, and continued to reside there till his death, which occurred October 7, 1882, at the age of 78 years, 1 month and 15 days. He was twice married: (1) June 11, 1840, to Elizabeth Sawyer of Meredith Village, New Hampshire, who died November 26, 1855; (2) May 4, 1860, to Mrs. Marthayette (Ketchum) Page of Albany.

The following is the list, with their record in Vermont, of those ministers deceased during the year who were either natives of, or at some time served in the ministry in the state:

Rev. Edward Barnard Bassett — born in Newburyport, Mass. April 11, 1819. Yale Theological Seminary, 1855. Ordained at Cuttingsville, Vt., May 25, 1857. Acting pastor at Cuttingsville 1857–59, and at Wilmington 1859–61. Afterwards preached in various places in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York. Died at Cooperstown, N. Y., August 25, 1882.

Rev. Joel Battey — born in Starksboro, Vt., Feb. 4, 1852. Penn College. Iowa. Ordained at National, Iowa, Oct. 22, 1880. Preached in Iowa until his death, of consumption, at Hesper, July 5, 1882.

Rev. Ebenezer Cross Birge — born in Underhill, Vt., June 5, 1810. Studied at Jericho Academy, and Jackson College, Illinois. Graduated at Auburn Theological Seminary, 1839. Ordained and installed at East Berkshire, Aug. 27, 1840. Dismissed, Feb. 28, 1842. Then preached for twenty years in New York and Illinois, and afterwards at Jericho Corners, Vt., 1862–65. Resided without charge at Underhill and Londonderry until 1881. Then removed to Chicago, Illinois, where he died, May 28, 1882. His wife was Lydia B. Stebbings of Burlington.

Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D., born in Corinth, Vt., June 11, 1801; graduated at Middlebury College 1826, and Andover Theological Seminary 1829; pastor at Lyme, N. H., from January 5, 1831, till August 12, 1867; resided without charge at Westboro Mass., 1867-80, and at Norwich, Conn., until his death, November, 13, 1882; received honorary D. D. from Middlebury College, 1863. His first wife was Mary L. Kendrick of Thetford.

Rev. Asahel Cornwall Washburn, born in Leicester, Mass., December 20, 1800; while an infant his father removed to Orleans County, Vt., where he was reared to manhood. Graduated at Middlebury College 1825; studied theology with Revs. Otto S. Hoyt, and Josiah Hopkins, D. D.; licensed to preach by Addison Association June 7, 1827; ordained as an evangelist at Hanover, N. H., November 6, 1827, sermon by Rev. John Wheeler, D. D., of Windsor. Installed at Royalton, Vt., June 11, 1828, sermon by Pres. Bates of Middlebury College. Dismissed October 7, 1836. Afterwards pastor at Suffield, Conn., 1838-51, and then agent nine years of the American Bible Society. Resided at Berlin, Conn., until 1868, and then removed to Syracuse, N. Y., where for several years he was Chaplain of State Prison and performed occasional other service. Died of heart disease at Syracuse March 30, 1883.

Rev. Henry Crosby Weston, born in Charlestown, Mass., May 9, 1844. Graduated Amherst College, 1866, and Andover Theological Seminary, 1869. Ordained and installed at North Bennington, Vt., October 13, 1869, sermon by Rev. S. D. Gammell of Boxford, Mass. Dismissed July 8, 1874. Afterwards pastor at Sharon, Mass., and died there February 24, 1883, after a prolonged illness of more than two years.

Rev. Calvin Yale, born in Lenox, Mass., October 7, 1789, directly connected with the family from which Yale College took its name. Graduated Union College 1812, and Andover Theological Seminary 1816. Ordained and installed at Charlotte, Vt., October 15, 1817, sermon by Rev. Elisha Yale, D. D., of Kingsboro, N. Y. Dismissed March 5, 1833. Afterwards connected with the Presbyterian church, and was both teacher and preacher, chiefly at Martinsburgh, N. Y., for many years. Died at Martinsburgh August 17, 1882.

ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD.

JUNE, 1882, TO JUNE, 1883.

ORDAINED.

1882.	Aug. 22.	Clifford H. Smith	Pittsfield.

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1882.	July 19.	John L. Sewall	Westminster.
	July 26.	Herbert R. Titus	Wilmington.
1883.	Feb. 1.	Wm. L. Anderson	Stowe.
	May 9.	Wilbur F. Rand	Barnet.
	May 24.	Chalmers H. Cooledge	West Fairlee.

INSTALLED.

1882.	Sept. 27.	Wm. T. Swinnerton	Plainfield.
1883.	Jan. 18.	Clarence S. Sargent	New Haven.
	Feb. 8.	Wm. N. Bacon	Coventry.

DISMISSED.

1882.	July 25.	Samuel W. Dike	Royalton.
	Aug. 8.	Geo. B. Safford, D. D	Burlington.
	———	Edward G. Read	Bennington.
	Oct. 23.	Samuel L. Vincent	Peru.
	Nov. 7.	Wm. N. Bacon	Shoreham.
	Dec. 12.	Charles W. Thompson	Danville.
1883.	Mar. 13.	Henry L. Slack	Chester, East.
	Mar. 15.	Frederic B. Phelps	St. Johnsbury.
	May 2.	Charles VanNorden	St. Albans.
	May 23.	Laurence Phelps	Barton.

DECEASED.

1882.	Oct. 7.	Jabez T. Howard	W. Charl'ston.
	Dec. 8.	Alanson S. Barton	Colchester.
1883.	Feb. 19.	Julius C. McCollom	E. Arlington.

5. ESSEX CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. CHARLES DUREN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.									Home Expend.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.			Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.	
Granby & Vic.	1825	Charles Duren,	A. P.	1841	1874	10	19	29	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	2	57	23	$16 00	$35 00	$5 00	.....	.....	.....	$56 00	425
Guildhall,	1799	Frederic L. Small.	S.	L.	1882	13	43	56	29	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	3	66	44	10 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	510
Lunenburgh,	1802	L. W. Harris.	A. P.	1842	1878	23	61	84	27	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	0	116	50	17 00	19 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00	564
Total, 3.		2 A. P., 1 S.				46	123	169	51	1	5	6	5	5	0	10	1	5	239	117	$43 00	$79 00	$5 00				$127 00	1499

Licentiate—Frederic L. Small, Guildhall.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—Rev. George W. Osgood, Littleton, N. H.

6. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. A. B. SWIFT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							Home Expend.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.			Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.	
Alburgh,	1824	R. Hicks,	A. P.	1867	1877	21	65	86	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	133	56	$16 00	$62 00	$10 00	$9 00	.....	$9 00	$106 00	750
Bakersfield,	1811	J. K. Fuller,	A. P.	1876	1877	37	78	115	31	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	81	85	10 10	37 00	10 00	.....	.....	15 00	72 00	800
Berkshire, E.,	1820	E. W. Hatch,	P.	1866	1866	34	43	77	6	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	90	35	9 00	21 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	43 00	625
Enosburgh,	1811	A. B. Swift,	A. P.	1855	1861	58	84	142	42	2	3	5	4	1	0	5	0	0	125	40	30 00	138 00	28 00	6 00	.....	15 00	217 00	745
Fairfield,	1800	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	4	8	12	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin,	1817	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	9	22	31	10	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	50	13	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	65
Georgia,	1793	C. W. Clark.	A. P.	1861	1879	23	47	70	19	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	65	29	13 00	44 00	9 00	.....	.....	7 00	73 00	800
Highgate,	1811	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1877	16	36	52	10	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	77	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	20 00	268
Montgomery,	1817	E. W. Hatch,	A. P.	1866	1866	10	21	31	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	41	....	5 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	13 00	170
Sheldon,	1816	William Carr.	A. P.	1880	1883	20	28	48	12	5	7	12	2	4	0	6	0	0	48	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 00	32 00	400
St. Albans,	1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	139	173	312	75	1	2	3	3	6	0	9	1	1	240	176	292 00	358 10	192 00	10 00	16 00	445 00	1313 00	3700
Swanton,	1801	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1877	59	111	170	40	1	2	3	3	6	0	9	0	6	114	80	99 00	10 00	27 00	10 00	45 0	89 00	280 00	1645
Total, 12.		1 P., 6 A. P.				430	716	1146	285	13	14	27	21	27	1	49	2	9	1044	544	$474 00	$676 00	$297 00	$35 00	$61 00	$632 00	$2175 00	9468

Without Charge—Calvin B. Cady, Alburgh Springs.

Dismissed—Charles Van Norden, St. Albans, May 2, 1883.

Meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in June. *Register*—Rev. Richard Hicks.

7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. AZRO A. SMITH.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.			Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.	Home Expend.
Cambridge,	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	A. P.	1856	1876	25	49	74	7	7	0	7	2	0	0	2	4	0	79	50	.....	$55 00	$142 00	.....	.....	$40 00	$237 00	....
Hyde Park,	1863	Vacant.	.....	....	....	4	13	17	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
" North,	1858	Vacant.	.....	....	....	8	11	19	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Johnson,	1817	A. A. Smith,	P.	1864	1879	37	74	111	24	3	2	5	4	2	0	6	3	1	190	64	$20 00	47 00	10 00	.....	$5 00	7 00	89 00	942
Morrisville,	1807	W. A. Bushee,	P.	1869	1880	45	76	121	26	1	4	5	0	3	0	3	9	0	145	90	37 00	28 00	15 00	.....	.....	15 00	95 00	950
Stowe,	1818	W. M. Anderson.	P.	1883	1882	18	58	76	16	1	1	2	2	1	3	6	0	0	100	57	24 00	89 00	49 00	.....	.....	.....	162 00	730
Waterville,	1823	G. L. Story, (Meth)	S.	....	1881	6	17	23	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	75	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Wolcott,	1818	Vacant.	.....	....	....	20	42	62	37	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	40	6 00	6 00	2 00	$2 00	$2 00	.....	18 00	500
Total, 8.		3 P., 1 A. P.				163	340	503	126	12	8	20	11	9	5	25	7	1	714	301	$ 87 00	$225 00	$218 0	$2 00	$7 00	$62 00	$601 00	3125

Ordained and Installed—William L. Anderson, Stowe, February 1, 1883.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—Rev. E. Wheelock.

8. ORANGE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. S. L. BATES.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							Home Expenditures.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.			Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.	
Bradford,	1810	Allen Clark,	P.	1868	1880	33	120	153	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	145	130	44 00	47 00	30 00	.....	$24 00	.....	$145	1375
Braintree,	1794	Sam'l L. Vincent.	A. P.	1878	1882	16	23	39	12	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	52	28	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	305
" E.	1871	Sam'l L. Vincent.	A. P.	1878	1882	17	42	59	23	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	209
Brookfield, 1st,	1787	Wm. M. Gay,	A. P.	1863	1880	30	42	72	4	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	124	52	25 00	25 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	$7 00	70	550
" 2nd,	1848	Wm. M. Gay,	A. P.	1863	1881	52	79	131	23	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	131	110	21 00	29 00	14 00	.....	7 40	8 00	79	451
Chelsea,	1789	E. E. Herrick,	P.	1864	1870	51	105	156	40	3	0	3	4	2	4	10	1	2	140	200	26 00	74 00	23 00	.....	10 00	83 00	216	1200
Corinth,	1820	Horace P. James,	P.	1881	1880	49	95	144	10	14	3	17	3	2	0	5	0	1	161	131	26 00	71 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	117	932
Fairlee,	1833	Allen Clark,	S.	1868	1881	12	27	39	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	10	0	60	36	10 00	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	200
Newbury,	1764	S. L. Bates,	P.	1864	1871	43	131	174	40	1	2	3	3	4	1	8	1	4	140	115	264 00	212 00	39 00	.....	119 00	128 60	762	1180
" Wells R.	1842	E. J. Ranslow,	A. P.	1869	1875	53	122	175	21	0	2	2	4	3	0	7	0	0	295	200	61 00	48 00	25 00	.....	.....	25 00	159	1350
" West,	1867	A. B. Lyon,	A. P.	1858	1875	15	30	45	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	70	60	23 00	64 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....	105	320
Orange,	1876	Vacant.	.....	....	....	21	36	57	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	115	75	4 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	201
Randolph,	1786	W. S. Blaisdell,	A. P.	1868	1876	30	54	84	21	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	150	40	10 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	34 00	59	835
" West,	1831	V. M. Hardy,	P.	1872	1878	38	92	130	25	7	1	8	3	5	0	8	4	7	208	85	13 00	40 00	9 00	8 00	.....	.....	70	2470
Strafford,	1820	Henry Cummings,	P.	1851	1874	16	38	54	8	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	3	0	73	45	47 00	59 00	20 00	.....	.....	36 00	162	1620
Thetford,	1773	Harry Brickett.	A. P.	1858	1882	42	102	144	38	5	3	8	5	1	0	6	4	1	175	75	77 00	107 00	15 00	.....	.....	22 00	221	850
" Post M.	1839	Vacant.	.....	....	....	20	46	66	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" North,	1878	Vacant.	.....	....	....	12	29	41	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	30	9 00	7 00	8 00	.....	.....	50 00	74	200
Tunbridge,	1792	E. E. Herrick,	A. P.	1864	1883	11	27	38	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	15	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	200
Vershire,	1787	Evan Thomas,	A. P.	L.	1880	18	27	45	1	7	4	11	1	0	0	1	7	0	60	40	24 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	410
West Fairlee,	1809	C. H. Cooledge,	P.	1883	1881	18	28	46	8	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	70	29	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	243
Williamstown,	1795	Wm. Schofield,	A. P.	1874	1880	33	62	95	12	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	2	1	92	40	8 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	774
Total, 22		7 P., 8 A.P.				630	1357	1987	371	43	19	62	36	28	11	75	32	18	2566	1622	716 00	$848 00	$234 00	$8 00	$160 00	$393 00	$2359 00	15925

Without Charge—Joseph Marsh, Thetford; Isaac Hosford, North Thetford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire.

Ordained and Installed—C. H. Cooledge, West Fairlee, May 24, 1883. *Licentiate*—Evan Thomas, Vershire.

Meeting of Conference—Last Tuesday in May. *Register*—J. R. Darling, Corinth.

7. LAMOILLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. AZRO A. SMITH.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.								
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.			Home Miss'ns.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.	Home Expend.
Cambridge,	1792	Edwin Wheelock,	A. P.	1856	1876	25	49	74	7	7	0	7	2	0	0	2	4	0	79	50	.....	$55 00	$142 00	.....	.....	$40 00	$237 00	....
Hyde Park,	1863	Vacant.	.....	....	....	4	13	17	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
North,	1858	Vacant.	.....	....	....	8	11	19	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Johnson,	1817	A. A. Smith,	P.	1864	1879	37	74	111	24	3	2	5	4	2	0	6	3	1	190	64	$20 00	47 00	10 00	.....	$5 00	7 00	89 00	942
Morrisville,	1807	W. A. Bushee,	P.	1869	1880	45	76	121	26	1	4	5	0	3	0	3	0	0	145	90	37 00	28 00	15 00	.....	.....	15 00	95 00	950
Stowe,	1818	W. M. Anderson,	P.	1883	1882	18	58	76	16	1	1	2	2	1	3	6	0	0	100	57	24 00	89 00	49 00	.....	.....	.....	162 00	730
Waterville,	1823	G. L. Story, (Meth)	S.	....	1881	6	17	23	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	75	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Wolcott,	1818	Vacant.	.....	....	....	20	42	62	37	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	40	6 00	6 00	2 00	$2 00	$2 00	.....	18 00	500
Total, 8.		3 P., 1 A. P.				163	340	503	126	12	8	20	11	9	5	25	7	1	714	301	$ 87 00	$225 00	$218 0	$2 00	$7 00	$62 00	$601 00	3125

Ordained and Installed—William L. Anderson, Stowe, February 1, 1883.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June.

Register—Rev. E. Wheelock.

6. FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. A. B. SWIFT.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.	Home Expend.
Alburgh,	1824	R. Hicks,	A. P.	1867	1877	21	65	86	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	133	56	$16 00	$62 00	$10 00	$9 00	.....	$9 00	$106 00	750
Bakersfield,	1811	J. K. Fuller,	A. P.	1876	1877	37	78	115	31	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	81	85	10 10	37 00	10 00	.....	.....	15 00	72 00	800
Berkshire, E.,	1820	E. W. Hatch,	P.	1866	1866	34	43	77	6	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	90	35	9 00	21 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	43 00	625
Enosburgh,	1811	A. B. Swift,	A. P.	1855	1861	58	84	142	42	2	3	5	4	1	0	5	0	0	125	40	30 00	138 00	28 00	6 00	.....	15 00	217 00	745
Fairfield,	1800	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	4	8	12	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Franklin,	1817	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	9	22	31	10	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	30	13	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	65
Georgia,	1793	C. W. Clark.	A. P.	1861	1879	23	47	70	19	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	65	29	13 00	44 00	9 00	.....	.....	7 0.	73 00	300
Highgate,	1811	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1877	16	36	52	10	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	77	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	20 00	268
Montgomery,	1817	E. W. Hatch,	A. P.	1866	1866	10	21	31	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	41	....	5 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	13 00	170
Sheldon,	1816	William Carr.	A. P.	1880	1883	20	28	48	12	5	7	12	2	4	0	6	0	0	48	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 00	32 00	400
St. Albans,	1793	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	139	173	312	75	1	2	3	3	6	0	9	1	1	240	176	292 00	358 10	192 00	10 00	16 00	445 00	1313 00	3700
Swanton,	1801	J. H. Babbitt,	A. P.	1868	1877	59	111	170	40	1	2	3	3	6	0	9	0	6	114	80	99 00	10 00	27 00	10 00	45 0	89 00	280 00	1645
Total, 12.		1 P., 6 A. P.				430	716	1146	285	13	14	27	21	27	1	49	2	9	1044	544	$474 00	$676 00	$297 00	$35 00	$61 00	$632 00	$2175 00	9468

Without Charge—Calvin B. Cady, Alburgh Springs.

Dismissed—Charles Van Norden, St. Albans, May 2, 1883.

Meeting of Conference—First Wednesday in June. *Register*—Rev. Richard Hicks.

9. ORLEANS CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. E. P. WILD.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Prof.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.	Home Expenditures.
Albany,	1818	Francis Parker,	S.	1878	1882	15	29	44	9	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	1	50	27	.....	$5	.....	.....	$5	.....	$10	....
Barton,	1817	Vacant.	.....	....	....	37	82	119	c	4	3	7	2	1	0	3	4	3	185	101	$55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	1500
Brighton,	1841	Vacant.	.....	....	....	5	22	27		0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	40	12	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	400
Browning'n, Barton L'd'g	1809	Vacant.	.....	....	....	46	79	125	10	13	0	13	2	5	0	7	2	0	173	114	.....	45	$25	.....	.....	.....	70	....
Charleston,	1844	J. W. Kingsbury,	A. P.	1866	1872	32	56	88	23	7	2	9	1	1	0	2	5	2	90	50	46	45	.....	.....	.....	16	107	401
Coventry,	1810	William N. Bacon,	P.	1859	1882	27	59	86	12	2	2	4	6	7	0	13	2	0	145	55	.....	28	19	.....	.....	.....	47	727
Craftsbury,	1797	Francis Parker,	A. P.	1878	1882	40	70	110	28	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	0	1	120	48	40	95	6	.....	.....	$12	153	800
Derby,	1807	J. W. Kingsbury,	A. P.	1866	1882	36	54	90	14	13	0	13	2	5	0	7	13	0	90	30	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	600
Glover,	1817	Benj. S. Adams,	A. P.	1871	1881	30	73	103	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	90	....	14	28	.....	.....	3	.....	45	....
Greensboro,	1804	S. Knowlton,	A. P.	1865	1881	22	50	72	10	5	4	9	5	4	0	9	4	0	115	80	18	95	28	.....	8	.....	149	745
Holland,	1842	John Frazer,	A. P.	1852	1878	14	25	39	7	16	0	16	0	2	0	2	15	0	80	25	18	10	8	.....	.....	.....	36	350
Irasburgh,	1818	Vacant.	.....	....	....	26	40	66	8	0	3	3	2	2	0	4	0	0	141	90	13	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	800
Lowell,	1816	Rufus King,	A. P.	1850	1888	34	50	84	23	2	2	4	1	4	0	5	2	0	120	68	4	18	2	.....	.....	.....	24	525
Morgan,	1823	Vacant.	.....	....	....	4	16	20	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Newport,	1831	E. P. Wild,	P.	1865	1874	64	100	164	26	8	9	17	0	1	0	1	6	1	198	114	30	77	18	.....	5	5	135	1257
Troy,	1845	J. N. Walker,	A. P.	1880	1881	1	7	8	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	30	20	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	700
" North,	1818	J. N. Walker,	P.	1880	1880	28	47	75	30	3	2	5	3	1	1	5	2	1	130	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westfield,	1818	Rufus King,	A. P.	1850	1880	24	33	57	14	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	65	20	1	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	400
Total, 18		3 P., 6 A. P.				485	892	1377	224	78	29	107	38	38	1	77	59	9	1932	753	$261 00	$522 00	$106 00		$37 00	$17	$943 00	9206

Without Charge—Robert U. Hall, W. C. Somerville, Newport; George Stone, North Troy.

Dismissed—Lawrence Phelps, Barton, May 23, 1883. *Deceased*—Jabez T. Howard, Oct. 7, 1882.

Installed—Wm. N. Bacon, Coventry, Feb. 8, 1883. *Licentiate*—Charles S. Murkland.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—Rev. E. P. Wild.

10. RUTLAND CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. J. K. WILLIAMS.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.								
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Admit.	Infant.			Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Mis. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total	Contrib.	Home Expenditures.
Benson,	1780	George G. Lyon,	A. P.	1858	1879	49	86	135	48	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	130	85	$12 00	$60 00	$20 00	.....	.....	$50 00	$142	$1200
Brandon,	1785	Walter Rice,	A. P.	1865	1880	71	130	201	63	2	4	6	1	5	0	6	1	0	103	161	26	66	18	.....	.....	.....	110	1712
Castleton,	1784	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	45	118	163	43	4	3	7	4	1	0	5	3	0	142	90	25	52	27	.....	.....	23	127	700
Clarendon,	1822	Geo. H. Morse,	P.	1864	1878	21	41	62	8	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	85	64	21	30	18	$8 00	$5	26	108	932
Danby,	1869	Lucian D. Mears,	A. P.	1871	1878	5	17	22	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	30	9	10	3	.....	.....	.....	22	542
Fair Haven,	1803	R. C. Flagg,	A. P.	1872	1880	32	74	106	21	2	2	5	2	3	0	5	2	0	100	80	14	18	15	.....	15	.....	59	2500
" Welsh,	1807	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	27	36	63	0	7	7	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	85	32	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	308
Shrewsbury,	1782	Robert C. Allison,	A. P.	1859	1862	19	25	44	17	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	90	40	12	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	320
Middletown,	1780	Osborn Myrick,	A. P.	1846	1866	34	50	84	21	1	3	4	1	3	0	4	1	0	140	75	21	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	180
Orwell,	1781	Isaac W. Peach,	S.	Lic	1863	20	58	78	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	25	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	227
Pittsford,	1784	Chas. C. Meinhire,	P.	1861	1880	77	156	233	30	5	2	7	7	1	0	8	3	6	220	128	74	100	82	.....	15	220	491	1310
Poultney,	1780	Calvin Granger,	A. P.	1834	1873	24	38	62	15	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	56	20	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	10	22	500
Rutland,	1785	J. G. Johnson, D.D.	P.	1808	1850	239	392	631	97	7	38	45	10	18	0	28	3	2	561	480	402	1551	138	100	.....	200	2394	16447
" West,	1779	J. K. Williams,	A. P.	1866	1872	82	157	239	35	5	4	9	6	4	0	10	3	4	150	135	97	123	12	.....	.....	16	248	1400
Sudbury,	1791	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	4	8	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wallingford,	1792	Vacant,	.....	.....	.....	52	121	173	34	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	142	90	20	67	35	.....	.....	.....	120	1850
West Haven,	1817	G. G. Lyon,	S.	1856	1879	6	9	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	20	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	10	12	100
Total, 17		3 P., 8 A. P.				801	1516	2317	479	35	66	101	44	38	0	82	19	13	2104	1560	$742 00	$2160 00	$368 00	$108 00	$35 00	$555 00	$3917 00	30288

Without Charge—William Denison, Ulric Maynard, Levi H. Stone, Castleton; Amasa Stewart, Pittsford.

Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—Rev. J. K. Williams.

11. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. W. S. HAZEN.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							Home Expenditures.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.			Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Col. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.	
Barre,	1799	Peter McMillan,	P.	1881	1881	60	106	166	34	6	7	13	3	2	0	5	3	1	250	150	$17 00	$37 00	$52 00	$1600	.....	$40	$1716	1300
Berlin,	1798	Alden Ladd,	A. P.	1865	1879	28	48	76	26	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	93	40	45 00	9 00	17 00	.....	.....	7	78	450
" West,	1865	Alden Ladd,	A. P.	1865	1879	7	12	19	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	20	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2	140
Duxbury,	1836	S. B. Currier, (M.)	S.	....	1880	13	17	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Marshfield,	1826	Vacant.	.....	....	....	13	27	40	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Montpelier,	1808	John H Hincks,	P.	1877	1877	59	153	212	30	5	1	6	8	7	0	15	4	4	157	164	312 00	160 00	522 00	.....	.....	107	1101	3038
Northfield,	1822	William S Hazen,	P.	1864	1863	43	80	123	15	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	2	146	79	1037 00	568 00	16 00	11	.....	539	2171	1270
Plainfield,	1799	W. T. Swinnerton,	P.	1877	1881	16	32	48	10	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	37	8 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	14	500
Roxbury,	1864	H. C. Howard,	S.	1873	1881	15	27	42	15	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	55	30	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	200
Waitsfield,	1796	S. H. Robinson,	P.	1877	1877	44	94	138	29	8	1	9	4	3	0	7	8	2	150	98	13 00	14 00	.....	.....	.....	10	37	850
Warren,	1816	Vacant.	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Waterbury,	1801	S. H. Wheeler,	P.	1875	1875	60	101	161	29	2	0	2	4	2	0	6	2	0	150	125	30 00	42 00	30 00	20	$7 00	21	150	1350
Woodbury,	1875	James Ramage,	S.	L.	1882	13	33	46	13	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	3	0	57	45	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	220
Worcester,	1824	P. H. Carpenter,	P.	1879	1878	11	34	45	12	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	50	30	14 00	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	29	200
Total, 14		7 P., 1 A. P.				382	764	1146	217	27	17	44	23	19	0	42	21	10	1328	872	$1490	$844 00	$620 00	$1631	$7 00	$724	$5316	9578

Without Charge—Alanson D. Barber, Charles S. Smith, John F. Stone, Montpelier; Horace Pratt, Northfield.

Ordained—Leonard B. Tenney, Barre, April 14, 1882. *Installed*—William T. Swinnerton, Plainfield, Sept. 27, 1882.

Licentiate—James Ramage, Woodbury.

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CHURCHES	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Art. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Present Min. Commenced.	Church Memb'rs. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Death.	Dism.	Ex.	Total.	Bap'ms. Adult.	Infant.	Sab. School.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Mis. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charites	Total Contrib.	Home Expenditures.
[illegible]	1810	E. Martin.		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	154	$358 00	$326 00	$130 00	$38 00	$26 00	$97 00	$665	
[illegible] West,	1[illegible]	E. Merrill,		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	80	75	108	76		24	25	308	$1157
[illegible]	1[illegible]	Vacant																									
[illegible] West	1[illegible]	R. R. Titus,		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			7				7	220
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Merrill,		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	14	17	8				39	545
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Titus,		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		26					26	600
[illegible]	[illegible]	Vacant																									
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Oliver,		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	20	19	12	13	5	4	41	94	724
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	16	10	16				42	216
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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			3				3	745
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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11	11	11				33	550
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	72	81	56	35		72	276	1300
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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	$852 00	$884 00	$474 00	$134 00	$34 00	$389 00	$2270	16890

[illegible] Charles Burnham, Townshend; Amos Foster, Putney; Benjamin Ober, Brattleboro; Lewis Grout, West [illegible]. Ordained and Installed—Herbert R. Titus, Wilmington, July 26, 1888; John L. Sewall, Westminster, July 19, [illegible].

[illegible] Conference, First Wednesday in September. *Register*—Rev. C. H. Merrill.

13. WINDSOR CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. HENRY L. SLACK.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Min. Commenced	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.								Home Expenditures.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.			Home	Missions.	Foreign	Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.	
Bethel,	1817	Rolla G. Bugbee,	A. P.	1876	1882	7	42	49	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	75	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$12 00	$12	$650
Bridgewater,	1793	T. S. Hubbard,	S.	1839	1882	13	34	47	12	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$6 00	.....	6	275
Chester,	1773	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	61	124	185	46	12	3	15	3	10	0	13	6	0	150	105	$46 00	$50 00	$89 00	.....	.....	25 00	25 00	233	1431
Hartford,	1786	S. I. Briant,	P.	1808	1875	51	106	157	41	0	0	0	5	6	0	1	0	0	200	125	30 00	83 00	134 00	$10 00	19 00	14 00	.....	290	1462
" West,	1840	Robert D. Miller.	A. P.	1856	1880	21	49	70	22	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	3	45	50	10 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....
" Quechee,	1831	N. F. Carter,	P.	1857	1879	19	77	96	22	3	4	7	1	3	0	4	3	0	115	140	46 00	58 00	26 00	.....	.....	53 00	14 00	197	1250
Hartland,	1779	Charles Scott,	A. P.	1854	1882	7	42	49	8	3	0	3	1	6	0	7	3	0	61	46	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	211
Ludlow,	1806	R. B. Grover,	P.	1881	1881	33	77	110	37	0	5	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	156	66	33 00	82 00	28 00	.....	18 00	45 00	206	890
Norwich,	1819	N. R. Nichols,	A. P.	1872	1880	68	139	207	37	2	0	2	3	2	1	6	2	8	201	142	95 00	65 00	47 00	3 00	17 00	100 00	320	949
Pittsfield,	1803	Clifford H. Smith.	A. P.	1872	1882	19	32	51	13	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	50	25	9 00	19 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	290
Plymouth,	1804	R. B. Grover.	A. P.	1881	1881	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	30	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	240
Pomfret,	1783	H. A. VanDalsem,	A. P.	1872	1882	15	30	45	8	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	1	75	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500
Rochester,	1801	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	40	80	120	18	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	2	1	124	68	20 00	62 00	20 00	.....	.....	5 00	21 00	128	570
Royalton,	1777	William D. Smith,	S.	L.	1882	25	57	82	22	1	2	3	4	6	5	12	1	0	40	47	6 00	247 00	216 00	4 00	.....	.....	10 00	483	781
" South,	1868	William D. Smith,	S.	L.	1882	19	41	60	9	4	6	10	1	1	0	2	2	0	132	66	15 00	6 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	29 00	53	651
Sharon,	1782	E. B. Chamberl'in,	A. P.	1856	1874	17	54	71	17	0	0	0	1	0	5	6	0	0	88	45	.....	15 00	17 00	.....	.....	.....	255 00	32	820
Springfield,	1781	T. M. Boss,	P.	1866	1878	92	223	315	61	3	2	5	5	0	0	5	2	0	239	175	479 00	881 00	454 00	9 00	727 00	.....	.....	2805	2209
Stockbridge,	1827	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	14	33	47	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	75	....	9 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	356
Weathersf. C.,	1775	T. M. Boss,	S.	1866	1882	19	31	50	20	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	30	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	320
" E.,	1838	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Ascutneyv.,	1869	Moses H. Wells,	S.	1815	1881	12	20	32	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	18	6 00	52 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	200
Weston,	1799	E. H. Sneath,	S.	.....	.....	15	22	37	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	25	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	180
Windsor,	1768	W. Greenwood,	A. P.	L.	1883	56	96	152	24	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	100	94	60 00	51 00	101 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	237	1500
Woodstock,	1781	J. F. Brodie.	P.	1882	1881	60	140	200	40	0	2	2	3	4	0	7	0	1	135	113	1329 00	26 00	1235 00	564 00	8015 00	260 00	14008	17210
Total, 24		5 P., 8 A. P.				687	1555	2242	478	34	33	67	37	60	11	108	25	14	2251	1503	$2206 00	$4297 00	$2372 00	$590 00	$8906 00	$785 00	$19176	32944

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Meeting of Conference—First Tuesday in June. *Register*—Rev. Nathan R. Nichols.

SUMMARY.—JAN. 1, 1883.

CONFER'NCES	CHURCHES.						MINISTERS.								Church Members.				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap's.			Benevolent Contributions.							
	Total.	With Pastors.	With Acting Pastors.	With Supplies.	Vacant.	Net gain.	Net loss.	Pastors.	Acting Pastors.	Licentiates.	Without Charge.	Ordained.	Installed.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dismission.	Exclusion.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.	Sabbath School.	Families.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	American Missionary Association.	American College and Education Society.	American Congregational Union.	All other Charities.	Total Contributions.	Home Expenditures.
Addison,	13	4	2	2	5	0	20	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	7	658	1097	1755	387	18	23	41	32	28	1	61	8	11	1561	868	$595	$711	$361	.....	$66	$137	$1810	10916
Bennington,	11	8	2	2	3	0	10	3	2	0	0	2	0	2	1	7	352	780	1132	184	28	21	49	25	34	0	59	15	31	1218	601	892	1237	232	$101	101	182	2745	8876
Caledonia,	15	8	1	1	0	5	5	3	3	0	2	1	1	1	0	14	759	1405	2164	464	53	56	109	40	64	10	114	31	16	2335	1295	3898	4278	2590	2124	174	971	14435	19899
Chittenden,	17	2	14	0	1	8	0	2	11	1	8	0	0	1	1	21	546	1161	1707	456	43	28	71	25	41	0	66	20	6	1829	862	630	1286	419	5	55	623	3018	13985
Essex,	3	0	2	1	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	46	123	169	51	1	5	6	5	5	0	10	1	5	239	117	43	79	5	.....	.....	.....	127	1499
Frank. & Gr. I.	12	1	8	0	3	0	22	1	6	0	1	0	0	1	0	8	430	716	1146	285	13	14	27	21	27	1	49	2	9	1044	544	474	676	297	35	61	632	2175	9468
Lamoille,	8	3	1	1	3	0	5	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	163	340	503	126	12	8	20	11	9	5	25	7	1	714	301	87	225	218	2	7	62	601	3125
Orange,	22	7	11	1	3	0	13	7	8	1	3	1	1	0	1	18	630	1357	1987	371	43	19	62	36	28	11	75	32	18	2566	1622	716	848	234	8	160	393	2559	15925
Orleans,	18	3	9	1	5	30	0	3	6	1	3	0	1	1	0	12	485	892	1377	224	78	29	107	38	38	1	77	59	9	1932	953	261	522	106	.....	37	17	943	9206
Rutland,	17	3	8	2	4	19	0	3	8	0	4	0	1	0	0	15	801	1516	2317	479	35	66	101	44	38	0	82	19	13	2104	1360	742	2109	368	108	35	55	3917	30288
Washington,	14	7	2	3	2	2	0	7	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	12	382	764	1146	217	27	17	44	23	19	0	42	21	10	1328	872	1490	844	620	1631	7	724	5816	9578
Windham,	24	8	7	1	7	22	0	8	6	0	4	2	2	0	0	18	558	1210	1768	349	61	31	92	35	28	7	70	34	15	1721	1323	551	864	474	58	54	269	2270	10690
Windsor,	24	5	9	6	4	0	41	5	8	1	4	1	1	4	0	17	687	1555	2242	478	34	33	67	37	60	11	108	25	14	2251	1503	2206	4297	2372	590	8906	785	19156	32944
13	197	49	83	22	43	78	120	49	69	6	37	6	7	11	3	155	6497	12916	19413	4071	441	355	796	372	419	47	838	274	158	20842	12421	$12525	$17976	$8296	$4662	$9663	$5350	$58472	175899

13. WINDSOR CONFERENCE. Reported by Rev. HENRY L. SLACK.

CHURCHES.	ORGANIZED.	MINISTERS.	Pastors or Act. Pas. or Supply.	ORDAINED.	Pres. Mtg. Commenced	Church Memb'rs				Admitted.			Removed.				Bap'ms.		Sab. School.	Families.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.								Home Expenditures.
						Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Profess.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Dism.	Exc.	Total.	Adult.	Infant.			Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Amer. Miss. Assoc.	Amer. Coll. & Ed. Soc.	Amer. Cong'l Union.	All other Charities	Total Contrib.	
Bethel,	1817	Rolla G. Bugbee,	A. P.	1876	1882	7	42	49	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	75	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$12 00	$12	$650
Bridgewater,	1794	T. S. Hubbard,	S.	1839	1882	13	34	47	12	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$6 00	.....	6	275
Chester.	1773	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	61	124	185	40	12	3	15	3	10	0	13	6	0	150	105	$46 00	$50 00	$89 00	.....	25 00	25 00	235	1431
Hartford,	1786	S. I. Briant,	P.	1868	1878	51	106	157	41	0	0	0	5	6	0	1	0	0	200	125	30 00	83 00	134 00	$10 00	19 00	14 00	290	1462
" West,	1830	Robert D. Miller.	A. P.	1856	1880	21	49	70	22	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	3	45	50	10 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....
" Quechee,	1831	N. F. Carter,	P.	1877	1879	19	77	96	22	3	4	7	1	3	0	4	3	0	115	140	46 00	58 00	26 00	.....	53 00	14 00	197	1250
Hartland,	1779	Charles Scott,	A. P.	1874	1882	7	42	49	8	3	0	3	1	6	0	7	3	0	61	46	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	211
Ludlow,	1806	R. B. Grover,	P.	1881	1881	33	77	110	37	0	5	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	156	66	33 00	82 00	28 00	.....	18 00	45 00	206	890
Norwich,	1819	N. R. Nichols,	A. P.	1872	1880	68	139	207	37	2	0	2	3	2	1	6	2	8	201	142	95 00	65 00	47 00	3 00	17 00	100 00	320	949
Pittsfield,	1803	Clifford H. Smith.	A. P.	1872	1882	19	32	51	13	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	50	25	9 00	19 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	290
Plymouth,	1804	R. B. Grover.	A. P.	1881	1881	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	30	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	240
Pomfret,	1783	H. A. VanDalsem,	A. P.	1872	1882	15	30	45	8	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	1	75	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500
Rochester,	1801	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	40	80	120	18	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	2	1	174	68	20 00	62 00	20 00	.....	5 00	21 00	128	570
Royalton,	1777	William D. Smith,	S.	L.	1882	25	57	82	22	1	2	3	1	6	5	12	1	0	40	47	6 00	247 00	216 00	4 00	.....	10 00	483	781
" South,	1868	William D. Smith,	S.	L.	1882	19	41	60	9	4	6	10	1	1	0	2	2	0	132	66	13 00	6 00	.....	.....	3 00	22 00	53	651
Sharon,	1782	E. B. Chamberl'in,	A. P.	1856	1874	17	54	71	17	0	0	0	1	0	5	6	0	0	88	45	.....	15 00	17 00	.....	.....	225 00	32	820
Springfield,	1781	T. M. Boss,	P.	1866	1878	92	223	315	61	3	2	5	5	0	0	5	2	0	239	175	479 00	881 00	454 00	9 00	727 00	.....	2805	2209
Stockbridge,	1827	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	14	33	47	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	75	....	2 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	356
Weathersf. C.,	1775	T. M. Boss,	S.	1866	1882	19	31	50	20	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	30	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	320
" E.,	1838	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Ascutneyv.,	1869	Moses H. Wells,	S.	1845	1881	12	20	32	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	18	6 00	52 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	63	200
Weston,	1799	E. H. Sneath,	S.	....	....	15	22	37	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	25	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	180
Windsor,	1768	W. Greenwood,	A. P.	L.	1883	56	96	152	24	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	100	94	60 00	51 00	101 00	.....	25 00	.....	237	1500
Woodstock,	1781	J. F. Brodie.	P.	1882	1881	60	140	200	40	0	2	2	3	4	0	7	0	1	135	113	1323 00	26 00	1245 00	564 00	8015 00	260 00	14003	17210
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Addison,	13	4	2	2	5	0	29	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	658	1097	1755	387	13	28	41	32	28	1	61	8	11	1561	868	$535	$711	$361	.....	$66	$137	$1810	10916
Bennington,	11	3	2	3	3	0	10	3	2	0	2	0	0	2	1	7	352	780	1132	184	28	21	49	25	34	0	59	15	31	1218	601	892	1237	232	$101	101	182	2745	6876
Caledonia,	15	3	8	1	3	0	5	3	8	0	3	1	0	1	1	14	759	1405	2164	464	53	56	109	40	64	10	114	31	16	2355	1295	3898	4278	2590	2124	174	971	14035	13899
Chittenden,	17	2	14	0	1	5	0	2	11	1	8	0	0	1	1	21	546	1161	1707	456	43	28	71	25	41	0	66	20	6	1829	862	630	1286	419	5	55	623	3018	13985
Essex,	3	0	2	1	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	46	123	169	51	1	5	6	5	5	0	10	1	5	239	117	43	79	5	.....	.....	.....	127	1499
Frank. & Gr. I.	12	1	8	0	3	0	22	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	430	716	1146	285	13	14	27	21	27	1	49	2	9	1044	544	474	676	297	35	61	632	2175	9468
Lamoille,	8	3	1	1	3	0	5	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	163	340	503	126	12	8	20	11	9	5	25	7	1	714	301	87	225	218	2	7	62	601	3125
Orange,	22	7	11	1	3	0	13	7	8	1	3	1	1	0	1	18	630	1357	1987	371	43	19	62	36	28	11	75	32	18	2566	1622	716	848	234	8	160	393	2359	15925
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Rutland,	17	3	8	2	4	19	0	3	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	15	801	1516	2317	479	35	66	101	44	38	0	82	19	13	2104	1560	742	2109	308	108	35	555	3917	30288
Washington,	14	7	2	3	2	2	0	7	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	12	382	764	1146	217	27	17	44	23	19	0	42	21	10	1328	872	1490	844	620	1631	7	724	5316	9578
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13	197	49	83	22	43	78	120	49	69	6	37	6	7	11	3	155	6497	12916	19413	4071	441	355	796	372	419	47	838	274	158	20842	12421	$12525	$17976	$8296	$4662	$9663	$5350	$58472	175899

ASSOCIATIONS.

We give the names of the Congregational Ministers of Vermont in their respective Associations, the dates of their ordination and of the beginning of their membership, their residence, and ministerial employment or relation. Also, so far as known, the organization, name of Register and times of meeting of the Associations. (Only the members *in Vermont* of the Associations intersected by the Connecticut river are given.)

I. ADDISON ASSOCIATION.

GEO. E. HALL, Register. 4th Tuesday January, April, July and October.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
William P. Aiken,	Jan. 14, 1857,	April 27, 1875,	Rutland,	W. C.
Lewis A. Austin,	June 26, 1862,	Jan. 24, 1881,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Col.
William N. Bacon,	Dec. 28, 1859,	April 25, 1865,	Coventry,	P.
Frank H. Foster,	Licentiate,	Oct. 24, 1882,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Col.
George E. Hall,	Sept. 2, 1875,	July 23, 1878,	Vergennes,	P.
Cyrus Hamlin, D. D.,	Oct. 3, 1838,	Oct. 25, 1881,	Middlebury,	Pres. Midd. Coll.
Asa Hemenway,	Jan. 22, 1839,	June 2, 1852,	Manchester,	W. C.
John C. Houghton,	Jan. 15, 1868,	July 22, 1879,	.....	W. C.
Cephas H. Kent,	Oct. 22, 1828,	Jan. 22, 1862,	New Haven,	W. C.
Stephen Knowlton,	Nov. 2, 1865,	Oct. 22, 1873,	Greensboro,	A. P.
Benjamin Labaree, Jr.,	June 12, 1860,	April 26, 1860,	Oroomi'h Persia,	Miss. Pres. Bd.
Truman A. Merrill,	July 14, 1858,	April 26, 1881,	....	.....
Clarence S. Sargent,	Oct. 1, 1879,	April 25, 1882,	New Haven,	P.
Milton L. Severance,	Feb. 17, 1864,	Jan. 26, 1869,	Manchester,	Teacher.
Ebenezer Smith,	Aug. 18, 1846,	Jan. 25, 1870,	New York City,	W. C.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	Jan. 30, 1874,	Jan. 24, 1882,	Middlebury,	P.
Warren W. Winchester,	March 23, 1854,	Jan. 27, 1867,	Blackinton, Ms.,	W. C.
Solon Albee,	Licentiate,	Oct. 26, 1869,	.....	.....
Ezra Brainerd,	Licentiate,	Jan. 26, 1870.	Middlebury.	Prof. M. Coll.

II. BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION.

1812. A. C. REED, Register. Last Tuesday May, July, Sept., Nov., Jan., March.

Josiah B. Clark,	Dec. 1838,	Sept. 28, 1858,	Ludlow,	W. C.
Isaac Jennings,	June 14, 1843,	May 29, 1854,	Benningt'n Cen.,	P.
Amos B. Lambert, D. D.,	Nov. 2, 1837,	May 25, 1875,	Rupert,	A. P.
Lewis C. Partridge,	May 6, 1860,	May 31, 1876,	N. Bennington,	A. P.
Parsons S. Pratt,	Sept. 29, 1847,	May 26, 1857,	Dorset,	P.
Hollis Read,	Sept. 24, 1829,	May 11, 1880,	Bennington,	W. C.
Albert C. Reed,	June 24, 1863,	May 13, 1879,	Manchester,	P.
Samuel L. Vincent,	Oct. 30, 1880,	Sept. 27, 1881,	Braintree,	A. P.
Joseph D. Wickham, D. D.,	July 31, 1823,	Oct. 27, 1840,	Manchester,	W. C.
Henry H. Shaw,	Licentiate,	May 8, 1877,	Brattleboro,	Teacher.

III. CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 10, 1811. E. T. Fairbanks, Scribe. 2d Tuesday January, March, May, Sept. and Nov.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
Benjamin S. Adams,	Nov. 22, 1871,	1877,	Glover,	A. P.
Stephen A. Barnard,	Jan. 13, 1830,	1851,	Lansing, Mich.,	W. C.
Ephraim C. Cummings,	March 17, 1858,	1861,	Portland, Me.,	W. C.
Edward T. Fairbanks,	Jan. 1, 1868,	1868,	St. Johnsbury,	P.
Henry Fairbanks,	Feb. 17, 1858,	1869,	St. Johnsbury,	S. VT. Y. M. C. A.
Homer T. Fuller,	Jan. 18, 1870,	1871,	Worcester Ms.,	.....
Matthew A. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858,	Nov. 12, 1878,	St. Johnsbury,	W. C.
Joseph Hammond,	Aug. 27, 1871,	Nov. 12, 1878,	.....	.....
Calvin B. Hulbert, D. D.,	Oct. 20, 1859,	May 9, 1882,	Lyndonville,	A. P.
Henry W. Jones,	May 24, 1866,	1876,	St. Johnsbury,	P.
Charles F. Morse,	Aug. 13, 1856,	May 13, 1879,	McIndoes Falls,	A. P.
Reuben D. Osgood,	Oct. 24, 1871,	Sept. 14, 1880,	.....	.....
Moses Patten,	June 7, 1860,	Sept. 10, 1878,	Ripton,	A. P.
Frederic B. Phelps,	Oct. 18, 1870,	March 9, 1880,	E. St. Johnsb'ry,	W. C.
Charles W. Thompson,	July 1, 1869,	1869,	New Haven, Ct.	W. C.
Azel W. Wild,	Oct. 26, 1864,	1874,	Charlotte,	A. P.

IV. LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION.

June 1, 1858. W. A. Bushee, Register. 1st Tuesday Feb. and 2d Tuesday May and Sept.

William L. Anderson,	Feb. 1, 1883,	June 5, 1883,	Stowe,	P.
Lyman Bartlett,	Aug. 8, 1861,	Oct. 15, 1861,	Cesarea, Turkey,	M.A.B.C.F.M
William A. Bushee,	Aug. 19, 1869,	May 11, 1880,	Morrisville,	P.
Henry O. Dwight,	July 1, 1880,	Dec. 3, 1880,	Const'ntinople,Ty,	M.A.B.C.F.M.
James T. Ford,	Nov. 25, 1857,	June 1, 1858,	San Bern'dino,Cal.	A. P.
George H. French,	Nov. 8, 1871,	Feb. 1, 1872,	Charlestown,N.H.	A. P.
Daniel W. Hardy,	Oct. 29, 1874,	May 12, 1874,	Bluehill, Me.,	A. P.
Horace Herrick,	Sept. 4, 1844,	May 15, 1860,	Felchville,	W. C.
Giles F. Montgomery,	Aug. 19, 1863,	Feb. 2, 1864,	Marash, Turkey,	M.A.B.C.F.M.
Benjamin F. Perkins,	Nov. 22, 1865,	May 10, 1870,	Sterling, Mass.,	A. P.
Chauncey J. Richardson,	May 22, 1878,	May 11, 1880,	Newbury,	W. C.
Azro A. Smith,	Feb. 11, 1864,	Dec. 17, 1879,	Johnson,	P.
Edwin Wheelock,	Jan. 23, 1856,	June 1, 1858,	Cambridge,	A. P.

V. MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 9, 1827 Wm. S. Hazen, Scribe. Last Tuesday January, April, July and Oct.

Alanson D. Barber,	Jan. 1849,	July 26, 1881,	Montpelier,	.....
Philo H. Carpenter,	Jan. 21, 1879,	Jan. 28, 1879,	Worcester,	P.
William S. Hazen,	Oct. 12, 1864,	Jan. 31, 1865,	Northfield,	P.
John H. Hincks,	Sept. 27, 1877,	Jan. 29, 1878,	Montpelier,	P.
Alden Ladd,	Feb. 15, 1865,	May 30, 1865,	Berlin,	A. P.
Peter McMillan,	Nov. 16, 1881,	Oct. 31, 1882,	Barre,	P.
Horace Pratt,	March 28, 1849,	April 26, 1870,	Northfield,	W. C.
Stephen H. Robinson,	Sept. 7, 1877,	April 30, 1878,	Waitsfield,	P.
William Schofield,	Feb. 24, 1874,	July 26, 1881,	Williamstown,	A. P.
Charles S. Smith,	Nov. 13, 1855,	Oct. 31, 1865,	Montpelier,	S.VT. D. M. S.
John F. Stone,	Jan. 21, 1829,	Aug. 28, 1838,	Montpelier,	W. C.
William T. Swinnerton,	Apr. 18, 1877,	Apr. 25, 1882,	Plainfield,	P.
Leonard Tenney,	March 19, 1845,	Jan. 28, 1868,	Barre,	Sec. VT. B. S.
Frederic L. Small,	Licentiate,	Apr. 26, 1881,	Guildhall,	S.
Sheldon H. Wheeler,	Dec. 15, 1875,	Oct. 31, 1882,	Waterbury,	P.

VI. NORTH WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

A. B. Swift, Register. 3d Tuesday January, 2d Tuesday May, and 4th Tuesday September.

James H. Babbitt,	Sept. 10, 1868,	Jan. 15, 1878,	Swanton,	A. P.
Calvin B. Cady,	Nov. 1838,	May 27, 1845,	Georgia,	W. C.
Charles W. Clark,	Jan. 13, 1861,	Sept. 1879,	Georgia,	A. P.
J. K. Fuller,	April 23, 1876,	May 8, 1877,	Bakersfield,	A. P.
Elias W. Hatch,	Sept. 25, 1866,	Jan. 15, 1867,	East Berkshire,	P.
Richard Hicks,	June 1867,	Jan. 21, 1873,	Alburgh,	A. P.
Alfred B. Swift,	Jan. 9, 1855,	Jan. 20, 1863,	Enosburgh,	A. P.
John H. Woodward,	Jan. 31, 1838,	1836,	Milton,	A. P.

ASSOCIATIONS.

We give the names of the Congregational Ministers of Vermont in their respective Associations, the dates of their ordination and of the beginning of their membership, their residence, and ministerial employment or relation. Also, so far as known, the organization, name of Register and times of meeting of the Associations. (Only the members *in Vermont* of the Associations intersected by the Connecticut river are given.)

I. ADDISON ASSOCIATION.

GEO. E. HALL, Register. 4th Tuesday January, April, July and October.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
William P. Aiken,	Jan. 14, 1857,	April 27, 1875,	Rutland,	W. C.
Lewis A. Austin,	June 26, 1862,	Jan. 24, 1881,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Col.
William N. Bacon,	Dec. 28, 1859,	April 25, 1865,	Coventry,	P.
Frank H. Foster,	Licentiate,	Oct. 24, 1882,	Middlebury,	Prof. M. Col.
George E. Hall,	Sept. 2, 1875,	July 23, 1878,	Vergennes,	P.
Cyrus Hamlin, D. D.,	Oct. 3, 1838,	Oct. 25, 1881,	Middlebury.	Pres. Midd. Coll.
Asa Hemenway,	Jan. 22, 1839,	June 2, 1852,	Manchester,	W. C.
John C. Houghton,	Jan. 15, 1868,	July 23, 1879,	.....	W. C.
Cephas H. Kent,	Oct. 22, 1828,	Jan. 22, 1862,	New Haven,	W. C.
Stephen Knowlton,	Nov. 2, 1865,	Oct. 23, 1873,	Greensboro,	A. P.
Benjamin Labaree, Jr.,	June 12, 1860,	April 26, 1860,	Oroomi'h Persia,	Miss. Pres. Bd.
Truman A. Merrill,	July 14, 1858,	April 26, 1881,	....	.....
Clarence S. Sargent,	Oct. 1, 1879.	April 25, 1882,	New Haven,	P.
Milton L. Severance,	Feb. 17, 1864,	Jan. 26, 1869,	Manchester,	Teacher.
Ebenezer Smith,	Aug. 18, 1846,	Jan. 25, 1870,	New York City,	W. C.
S. Lewis B. Speare,	Jan. 30, 1874.	Jan. 24, 1882,	Middlebury,	P.
Warren W. Winchester,	March 23, 1854,	Jan. 27, 1867,	Blackinton, Ms.,	W. C.
Solon Albee,	Licentiate,	Oct. 26, 1869,	.....	.....
Ezra Brainerd,	Licentiate,	Jan. 26, 1870.	Middlebury.	Prof. M. Coll.

II. BENNINGTON ASSOCIATION.

1812. A. C. REED, Register. Last Tuesday May, July, Sept., Nov., Jan., March.

Josiah B. Clark,	Dec. 1838,	Sept. 28, 1858,	Ludlow,	W. C.
Isaac Jennings,	June 14. 1843,	May 29, 1854,	Benningt'n Cen.	P.
Amos B. Lambert, D. D.,	Nov. 2, 1837,	May 25, 1875,	Rupert,	A. P.
Lewis C. Partridge,	May 6, 1860,	May 31, 1876,	N. Bennington,	A. P.
Parsons S. Pratt,	Sept. 29, 1847,	May 26, 1857,	Dorset,	P.
Hollis Read,	Sept. 24, 1829,	May 11, 1880,	Bennington,	W. C.
Albert C. Reed,	June 24, 1863,	May 13, 1879,	Manchester,	P.
Samuel L. Vincent,	Oct. 30, 1860,	Sept. 27, 1881,	Braintree,	A. P.
Joseph D. Wickham, D. D.,	July 31, 1823,	Oct. 27, 1840,	Manchester,	W. C.
Henry H. Shaw,	Licentiate,	May 8, 1877,	Brattleboro,	Teacher.

III. CALEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 10, 1811. E. T. Fairbanks, Scribe. 2d Tuesday January, March, May, Sept. and Nov.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
Benjamin S, Adams,	Nov. 22, 1871,	1877,	Glover,	A. P.
Stephen A. Barnard,	Jan. 13, 1830,	1851,	Lansing, Mich.,	W. C.
Ephraim C. Cummings,	March 17, 1858.	1861,	Portland, Me.,	W. C.
Edward T. Fairbanks,	Jan. 1, 1868,	1868,	St. Johnsbury,	P.
Henry Fairbanks.	Feb. 17, 1858,	1869,	St. Johnsbury,	S. VT. Y. M. C. A.
Homer T. Fuller,	Jan. 18, 1870,	1871,	Worcester Ms.,	.....
Matthew A. Gates,	Sept. 2, 1858,	Nov. 12, 1878,	St. Johnsbury,	W. C.
Joseph Hammond,	Aug. 27, 1871,	Nov. 12, 1878,	.....	.....
Calvin B. Hulbert, D. D.,	Oct. 20, 1859,	May 9, 1882,	Lyndonville,	A. P.
Henry W. Jones,	May 24, 1866.	1876,	St. Johnsbury,	P.
Charles F. Morse,	Aug. 13, 1856,	May 13, 1879,	McIndoes Falls,	A. P.
Reuben D. Osgood,	Oct. 24, 1871,	Sept. 14, 1880.	.....	.....
Moses Patten,	June 7, 1860,	Sept. 10, 1878,	Ripton,	A. P.
Frederic B. Phelps.	Oct. 18, 1870,	March 9, 1880,	E. St. Johnsb'ry,	W. C.
Charles W. Thompson,	July 1, 1869,	1869,	New Haven, Ct.	W. C.
Azel W. Wild,	Oct. 26, 1864,	1874,	Charlotte,	A. P.

IV. LAMOILLE ASSOCIATION.

June 1, 1858. W. A. Bushee, Register. 1st Tuesday Feb. and 2d Tuesday May and Sept.

William L. Anderson,	Feb. 1, 1883.	June 5, 1883,	Stowe,	P.
Lyman Bartlett,	Aug. 8, 1861,	Oct. 15, 1861,	Cesarea, Turkey,	M.A.B.C.F. M
William A. Bushee,	Aug. 19, 1860,	May 11, 1880,	Morrisville,	P.
Henry O. Dwight,	July 1, 1880,	Dec. 3, 1880,	Const'ntinople,Ty,	M.A.B.C.F.M.
James T. Ford,	Nov. 25, 1857,	June 1, 1858,	San Bern'dino,Cal.	A. P.
George H. French,	Nov. 8, 1871,	Feb. 1, 1872,	Charlestown, N.H.	A. P.
Daniel W. Hardy,	Oct. 29, 1874,	May 12, 1874,	Bluehill, Me.,	A. P.
Horace Herrick,	Sept. 4, 1844,	May 15, 1860,	Felchville,	W. C.
Giles F. Montgomery,	Aug. 19, 1863,	Feb. 2, 1864,	Marash, Turkey,	M.A.B.C.F.M.
Benjamin F. Perkins,	Nov. 22, 1865,	May 10, 1870,	Sterling, Mass.,	A. P.
Chauncey J. Richardson,	May 22, 1878,	May 11, 1880,	Newbury,	W. C.
Azro A. Smith,	Feb. 11. 1864,	Dec. 17, 1879,	Johnson,	P.
Edwin Wheelock,	Jan. 23, 1856.	June 1, 1858,	Cambridge.	A. P.

V. MONTPELIER ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 9, 1827 Wm. S. Hazen, Scribe. Last Tuesday January, April, July and Oct.

Alanson D. Barber,	Jan. 1849.	July 26, 1881.	Montpelier,	.....
Philo H. Carpenter,	Jan. 21, 1879,	Jan. 28, 1879,	Worcester,	P.
William S. Hazen,	Oct. 12, 1864.	Jan. 31, 1865,	Northfield,	P.
John H. Hincks,	Sept. 27, 1877,	Jan. 29, 1878,	Montpelier,	P.
Alden Ladd.	Feb. 15, 1865.	May 30, 1865.	Berlin,	A. P.
Peter McMillan,	Nov. 16, 1881.	Oct. 31, 1882,	Barre,	P.
Horace Pratt,	March 28, 1849,	April 26, 1870,	Northfield,	W. C.
Stephen H. Robinson,	Sept. 7, 1877.	April 30, 1878,	Waitsfield,	P.
William Schofield,	Feb. 24, 1874,	July 26, 1881,	Williamstown,	A. P.
Charles S. Smith.	Nov. 13, 1855,	Oct. 31, 1865.	Montpelier,	S.VT. D. M. S.
John F. Stone.	Jan. 21, 1829,	Aug. 28, 1838,	Montpelier,	W. C.
William T. Swinnerton,	Apr. 18, 1877.	Apr. 25, 1882,	Plainfield,	P.
Leonard Tenney,	March 19, 1845,	Jan. 28, 1868,	Barre,	Sec. VT. B. S.
Frederic L. Small,	Licentiate.	Apr. 26, 1881,	Guildhall.	S.
Sheldon H. Wheeler,	Dec. 15, 1875,	Oct. 31, 1882,	Waterbury,	P.

VI. NORTH WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

A. B. Swift, Register. 3d Tuesday January, 2d Tuesday May, and 4th Tuesday September.

James H. Babbitt,	Sept. 10, 1868,	Jan. 15, 1878,	Swanton,	A. P.
Calvin B. Cady,	Nov. 1838,	May 27, 1845,	Georgia,	W. C.
Charles W. Clark,	Jan. 13, 1861,	Sept. 1879.	Georgia,	A. P.
J. K. Fuller,	April 23, 1876,	May 8, 1877,	Bakersfield,	A. P.
Elias W. Hatch,	Sept. 25, 1866,	Jan. 15, 1867,	East Berkshire,	P.
Richard Hicks,	June 1867,	Jan. 21, 1874,	Alburgh,	A. P.
Alfred B. Swift,	Jan. 9, 1856,	Jan. 20, 1863,	Enosburgh,	A. P.
John H. Woodward,	Jan. 31, 1848,	1936,	Milton.	A. P.

VII. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

HENRY CUMMINGS, Scribe. First Tuesday February, May, September and November.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
S. Lysander Bates,	March 23, 1864,	May 14, 1872,	Newbury,	P.
Harry Brickett,	Jan. 28, 1858,	Nov. 7, 1882,	Thetford,	A. P.
Allen Clark,	1868,	Oct. 26, 1880,	Bradford,	P.
Josiah T. Closson.	June 10, 1871,	Oct. 2, 1878,	St. Johnsbury Cr.,	A. P.
Chalmers H. Coolidge,	May 24, 1883,	Nov. 7, 1882	West Fairlee,	P.
Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851,	May 2, 1876,	Strafford,	P.
Joseph Fuller,	Sept. 30, 1830,	Aug. 14, 1855,	Vershire,	W. C.
Horace P. James,	Feb. 16, 1881,	Feb. 7, 1882,	Corinth,	P.
Amzi B. Lyon,	Feb. 4, 1858,	May 2, 1876,	West Newbury,	A. P.
Eugene J. Ranslow,	June 23, 1869,	May 8, 1877,	Wells River,	A. P.
Evan Thomas,	Licentiate,	Feb. 7, 1882.	Vershire,	S.
George N. Abbott,	Licentiate,	Feb. 5, 1878,	South Newbury.	.....

VIII. ORLEANS ASSOCIATION.

Organized, June 17, 1868. Register, Wm. N. Bacon. Meetings, 1st Tuesday Jan., May and Aug.

James A. Bates,	Sep. 19, 1860,	Feb. 25, 1880,	Williston,	A. P.
Collins G. Burnham,	Dec. 10, 1879,	May 18, 1880.	So. Freeport, Me.,	A. P.
Gardner S. Butler,	Jan. 3, 1877,	Aug. 21, 1878,	Milton, N. H.,	A. P.
William Carr,	Sept. 1, 1880,	June 1, 1881,	Sheldon,	A. P.
John Fraser,	 1852,	.....	West Charleston,	A. P.
Robert V. Hall,	Aug. 18, 1835,	Jan. 17, 1882,	Newport,	W. C.
William T. Herrick,	May 28, 1851,	May 20, 1873,	Elizabetht'n, N.Y.,	W. C.
Rufus King,	1850,	Jan. 17, 1882,	Lowell,	A. P.
J. L. Litch,	Apr. 7 1867,	.....	Marion, Mass.,	A. P.
Timothy E. Ranney,	May 1, 1844,	May 18, 1875,	St. Johnsbury Cr.,	W. C.
W. C. Sommerville,	Oct. 1851,	May 19. 1874,	Newport,	W. C.
George Stone,	Feb. 16, 1842,	.....	North Troy,	W. C.
Joseph N. Walker,	Sept. 28, 1880,	May 31, 1881,	North Troy,	P.
Edward P. Wild,	Oct. 11, 1865,	Aug. 21, 1866,	Newport.	P.

IX. ROYALTON ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 7, 1796. V. M. HARDY, Register. 1st Tuesday February, and 3d Tuesday May, and Sept.

Wm. S. Blaisdell,	Sept. 1868,	Oct. 2, 1880,	Randolph,	A. P.
Edward B. Chamberlain,	March 12, 1856,	Feb. 8, 1876,	Sharon,	A. P.
Samuel W. Dike,	Feb. 3, 1869.	Sept. 1869.	Royalton,	S'c. Nat. D.L.
Vitellus M. Hardy,	Jan. 31, 1872,	May 18, 1880,	West Randolph,	P.
Edward E. Herrick,	Feb. 24, 1864,	Feb. 1871,	Chelsea,	P.
Wm. D. Smith,	Licentiate,	May 14, 1883,	South Royalton,	S.
George B. Tolman,	July 10, 1862,	Sept. 17, 1878,	Santa Barb'ra, Cal.	A. P.

X. RUTLAND ASSOCIATION.

L. D. MEARS, Register. 2d Tuesday February, May, September and November.

Charles N. Brainard,	Dec. 22, 1876	Sept. 14, 1880,	Northampt'n, Ms.,	W. C.
John P. Demeritt,	May 31, 1870,	Feb. 6, 1882,	Bath, N. H.,	A. P.
Rufus C. Flagg,	Sept. 26, 1872,	Feb. 2, 1880,	Fair Haven,	A. P.
Calvin Granger.	Aug. 6, 1834,	Feb. 28, 1861,	East Poultney,	A. P.
Edward T. Hooker,	June 17, 1868,	May 10, 1876,	Charleston, S. C.,	A. P.
James G. Johnson, D. D.,	Dec. 27, 1866,	Sept. 13, 1870,	Rutland,	P.
George G. Lyon,	Sept. 23, 1858,	Nov. 11, 1879,	Benson,	A. P.
Ulric Maynard,	Aug. 6, 1828,	Oct. 10, 1843,	Castleton,	W. C.
Charles C. McIntire,	Sept. 17, 1861,	Feb. 14, 1881.	Pittsford,	P.
Lucian D. Mears,	Nov. 8, 1871,	May 8, 1877,	Danby,	A. P.
George H. Morse,	May 11, 1864,	Aug. 7. 1877,	Clarendon,	P.
Osborn Myrick,	Feb. 18, 1846,	May 14, 1872,	Middletown,	A. P.
Walter Rice,	July 25, 1865,	May 10, 1881,	Brandon,	A. P.
Henry F. Rustedt,	Feb. 3. 1841,	Oct. 13, 1857,	Shrewsbury,	W. C.
Amasa Stewart,	Sept. 15, 1829,	July 18, 1837,	Pittsford,	W. C.
John H. Thynge,	Oct. 26, 1852,	Sept. 12, 1877,	Stoddard, N. H.	A. P.
Lucius L. Tilden,	March 17, 1830,	May 25, 1880,	Nashua, N. H.,	W. C.
John K. Williams,	Nov. 22, 1866,	May 11, 1875,	West Rutland,	A. P
James Ramage,	Licentiate,	May 17, 1882,	Woodbury.	S.

XI. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

THEODORE C. PEASE, West Lebanon, N. H., Scribe.

2d Tuesday February, April, July, September, October and December.

Members.	*Ordination.*	*Membership.*	*Residence.*	*Employment.*
S. Ingersoll Briant,	April 22, 1868,	May 11, 1875,	Hartford,	P.
James F. Brodie,	Feb. 21, 1862,	Feb. 14, 1882,	Woodstock,	P.
Nathan F. Carter,	Dec. 17, 1867,	Jan. 27, 1880,	Quechee,	P.
Robert D. Miller,	July 2, 1856,	Dec. 12, 1882,	West Hartford.	A. P.
Nathan R. Nichols,	Feb. 1, 1872.	July 13, 1880,	Norwich.	A. P.
Caleb M. Winch,	June 29, 1853.	Dec. 13, 1881,	Lower Waterford,	A. P.

XII. WINDHAM ASSOCIATION.

Oct. 17, 1775. AMOS HOLBROOK, Scribe. 1st Tuesday Aug., Nov., Feb., and 3d Tuesday May.

Orin G. Baker,	Feb. 19, 1878,	May 1878,	Jamaica,	P.
Charles Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841,	Nov. 1871.	Townshend,	W. C.
Levi G. Chase,	Aug. 24, 1870,	Nov. 2, 1870,	Gil'nt'n I. W. N. H.	A. P.
Alfred B. Dascomb.	Jan. 16, 1862,	Feb. 1, 1881,	Bellows Falls,	A. P.
Artemas C. Field,	June 28, 1866,	May 19 1874,	Hinesburgh,	A. P.
Amos Foster,	March 2, 1825.	June 1833,	Putney,	W. C.
Lewis Grout,	Oct. 8, 1846,	Feb. 1858,	West Brattleboro,	Ag't A. M. A.
Lincoln Harlow,	Aug. 26, 1863,	Nov. 1881,	Putney,	P.
Amos Holbrook,	May 9, 1866,	May 1877,	Windham,	A. P.
Henry Marden,	Sept. 2, 1869,	Feb. 1878,	Marash, Turkey,	M. A. B. C. F. M.
George E. Martin,	July 9, 1879,	May 1881,	Brattleboro,	P.
Charles H. Merrill,	Nov. 1, 1870.	May 1873,	West Brattleboro,	P.
Josiah Merrill,	March 1, 1848,	Aug. 1881,	Dummerston,	A. P.
Royal D. Metcalf,	May 26, 1880,	Nov. 2, 1880,	No. Londonderry,	A. P.
Benjamin Ober,	Jan. 1, 1834,	Nov. 1880,	Brattleboro,	W. C.
John L. Sewall,	July 19, 1882,	Nov. 7, 1882,	Westminster,	P.
Alfred Stevens, D. D.,	Feb. 22, 1843,	May 1843,	Westminster, W.,	P.
Christopher J. Switzer,	Jan. 10, 1867,	May 18, 1880,	West Townshend,	W. C.
Herbert R. Titus,	July 26, 1882,	Feb. 7, 1883,	Wilmington,	P.
Earl J. Ward,	March 11, 1868,	May 5, 1868,	Grafton.	P.

XIII. WINOOSKI ASSOCIATION.

June 9, 1847. A. HAZEN, Scribe. 3d Monday Jan., March, May, September and November.

Lewis O. Brastow, D. D.,	Jan. 10, 1861.	May, 1877.	Burlington,	P.
James Buckham,	April 4, 1820.	Jan., 1848.	Burlington,	W. C.
George P. Byington,	March 11, 1868.	May, 1870.	Westford,	A. P.
John Cowan,	May 25, 1875.	May, 1877.	Essex,	A. P.
Lester H. Elliot,	May 2, 1866.	May 15, 1882.	Keeseville, N. Y.,	A. P.
John D. Emerson,	Oct. 1, 1858.	.....1879.	Underhill,	A. P.
Samuel F. Emerson,	Licientiate.	Jan. 16, 1882.	Burlington,	Prof. U. Vt.
Daniel Goodhue.	May 2, 1848.	.....1875.	.....N. H.,	W. C.
John E. Goodrich,	May 17, 1864.	Jan., 1869.	Burlington,	Prof. U. Vt.
Austin Hazen,	March 29, 1860.	May, 1865.	Jericho,	A. P.
Edward Hungerford,	Sep. 12, 1871.	.....	Burlington,	.....
Spencer Marsh,	Nov. 6, 1856.	May, 1857.	Burlington,	W. C.
Franklin W. Olmsted,	July 11, 1848.	.....1879.	Clifton Spa., N. Y.,	W. C.
George B. Safford, D. D.	Sept. 2, 1858.	June, 1863.	Andover, Mass.,	W. C.
Charles M. Seaton,	Sept. 28, 1837.	May, 1853.	Essex Junction,	W. C.
Henry A. P. Torrey,	May 3, 1865.	May, 1869.	Burlington,	Prof. U. Vt.
Orville G. Wheeler,	Nov. 5, 1840.	June, 1847.	South Hero,	P.
John C. Wilder,	July 10, 1836.	Jan. 1850.	Charlotte,	W. C.
Andrew J. Willard,	April, 1857.	May, 1869.	Burlington,	W. C.
John H. Worcester, D. D.,	Sept. 5, 7839.	Oct., 1847.	Burlington,	W. C.
M. H. Buckham, D. D.,	Licentiate.	Oct., 1857.	Burlington.	Pres. U. Vt.

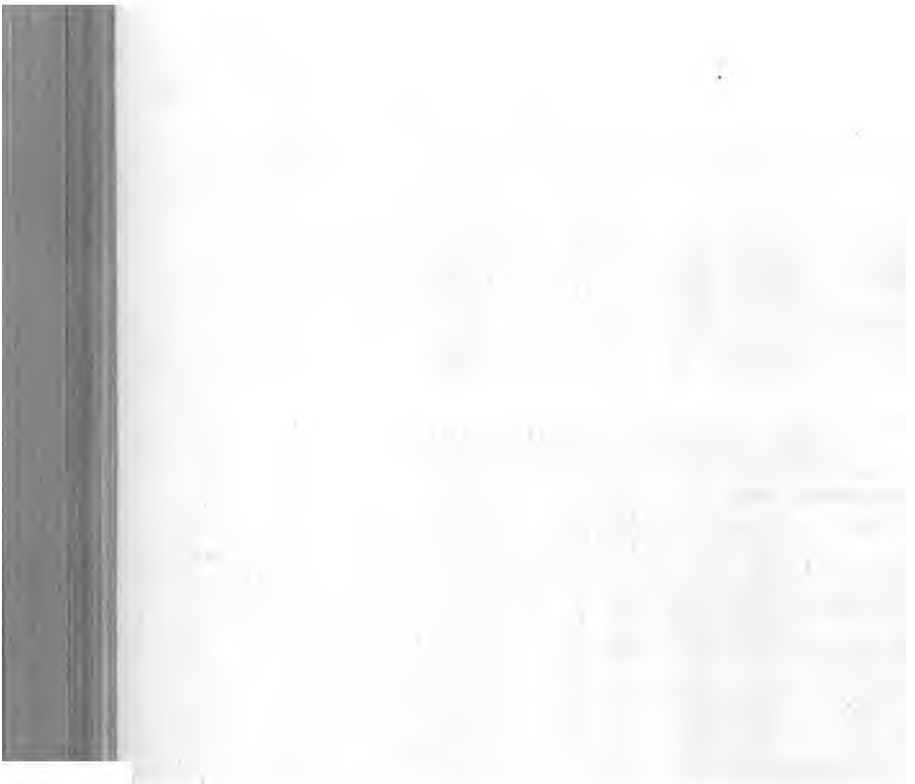
WHITE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION, N. H.

CHARLES DUREN, Granby, A. P.

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING,

1883.



VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING,

1883.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. James W. Hickok, Joshua Leavitt, William H. Lord, Thaddeus Fairbanks, J. G. Stimson, and Charles S. Smith, with their associates, being members of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, a society heretofore existing, and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches and communities in the State, in need of assistance in sustaining the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, with all the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly paper published in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Passed October 25, 1872.

LEGACIES TO THE V. D. M. SOCIETY.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of ——— ——— dollars, in trust, to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, incorporated in October, 1872, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society.

CONSTITUTION.

As Revised and Adopted June 18, 1873.

NAME.

ART. I. This Society shall be known by the name of the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. II. Any person may become a member of this Society by paying two dollars into its treasury, and his membership shall continue so long as he shall annually pay a like sum. Any person may, at his request, become a member for life of the Society, who shall at one time pay twenty dollars or more into its treasury. Congregational ministers whose churches contribute annually to the treasury of this Society shall be members, and their membership shall continue so long as such annual contributions are made. All such members shall be entitled to vote.

OBJECT.

ART. III. The object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute towns in the State with the preached gospel, by the labors of missionaries, and to aid the American Home Missionary Society.

OFFICERS.

ART. IV. The officers of this Society, to be elected annually, shall be a President, Vice-President, twelve Directors, a Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. The President and Secretary shall be members of the Board of Directors *ex-officiis*. These officers shall all hold their offices for a year and till others are elected.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, to act upon applications coming from churches, asking for aid; make appropriations of money; fill temporarily any vacancy occasioned by the death or resignation of the Secretary, Treasurer, or Auditor; have a general superintendence of all the Society's affairs, and make, through the Secretary, a report of their doings at each annual meeting.

At their annual meeting the Directors shall appoint five of their own number—one of whom shall be the Secretary—as an Executive Committee, which committee shall have full power to act for the Directors on all matters that may come before them, when the Directors are not in session.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

ART. VII. The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society and of the Directors; keep a true record of their doings and call meetings of the Society, Directors, and Executive Committee.

He shall secure, as far as possible, collections and donations from churches and individuals; visit destitute communities to ascertain their needs; direct itinerant missionaries to their fields; draw orders upon the Treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the Directors or Executive Committee, and make an annual report to the Society of the doings of the Directors, and the condition of the missionary work.

DUTIES OF TREASURER.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and hold the property of the Society; take care of and invest the permanent funds; lease, or convey by deed, real estate belonging, to the Society, when so ordered by the Directors or Executive Committee; and exhibit at the annual meeting an audited account of the condition of the treasury, make a statement of the amount of permanent funds, and how they are invested. He shall hold his books open for inspection when requested by any member of the Society, and shall give bonds when required by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF AUDITOR.

ART. IX. The Auditor shall carefully audit the Treasurer's book every year, before the annual meeting of the Society, and report also on the amount of the permanent funds, and the form of their investment.

MEETINGS.

Meetings of Society.

ART. X. There shall be an annual meeting of this Society, for the election of officers and the transaction of any necessary business, on the Wednesday succeeding the second Tuesday in June, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the same place where the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches of Vermont holds its annual meeting. Two several notices shall be given by the Secretary of the time and place of holding this meeting in some newspaper generally circulated in this State.

Meetings of Directors.

The Directors shall hold an annual meeting on the same day of the annual meeting of the Society, at such time as the Secretary shall give notice to the Directors, personally or by public notice, at the annual meeting of the Society. They may adjourn to meet at such other time as they see fit, or as they may be called together by the Secretary, notice being given them in writing, one week before the time of meeting.

Meetings of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at such times and places as they may appoint, and whenever the Secretary may call them together; and they shall have power to call meetings of the Society or Directors, in case of the death, resignation, or absence of the Secretary.

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

ART. XI. The object of this Society shall not be changed, but this Constitution may be altered or amended, on a proposal of the Directors, at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS, JUNE 17, 1873.

RULE 1. Churches asking for aid must first subscribe one hundred and twenty-five per cent., on their grand list, unless in very exceptional cases.

RULE 2. No church in debt for past ministerial services shall receive aid.

RULE 3. Appropriations shall not be made for a longer period than twelve months, and shall not, except in special cases, date back of the time of application.

RULE 4. A contribution for Home Missions is required from every aided church each year. It is expected that contributions will also be taken by each aided church for other leading objects of Christian benevolence.

RULE 5. Applications shall be signed by a committee of the church asking for aid. They shall also be endorsed by the Association of Ministers within whose bounds they arise, or by a committee of such body.

RULE 6. Every application must contain answers to the following questions, viz.:

(1.) Name of minister employed?
(2.) Number of members of the church?
(3.) Usual attendance on public worship?
(4.) Amount of the grand list of the church?
(5.) Amount actually subscribed by the church for preaching?
(6.) Amount subscribed by those not members of the church?
(7.) Is aid expected from any other source?
(8.) Whole amount of stipulated salary?
(9.) Least amount of aid that will suffice from this Society?
(10.) Is the church in debt for past ministerial services? If so, how much? and to whom?
(11.) From what date is aid asked?

RULE 7. On the expiration of an appropriation, if aid is still needed, a new application must be made, containing an explicit answer to all of the above questions.

RULE 8. All missionaries, when required, shall furnish satisfactory testimonials of church and ministerial standing.

RULE 9. A statistical report shall be made by each missionary before the first of June of each year, and when he leaves his field, if it is before the close of the Society's year.

RULE 10. Missionaries shall not be entitled to receive payments from this Society till they have made a written report to the Secretary of their services for the period for which such payment is due. Those who wish quarterly payments must make quarterly reports.

RULE 11. Missionaries must reside with the people to whom they preach. If they serve two or more churches, they must live with one of them.

RULE 12. The Secretary shall engage itinerant laborers, as they may be needed, for destitute fields, who shall be guaranteed seven dollars per week, and their fare one way, not to exceed ten dollars. The people with whom they labor shall, in all cases, provide board, and pay as large a part of the salary as possible.

Churches receiving aid are requested to arrange, as far as practicable, their contracts with their ministers so that their year may commence with the first of June, in order that all applications for the renewal of grants may be made before the annual meeting.

Any church wishing to apply for aid should send to the Secretary for a blank form of application.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society was held in the Congregational Church, at Newport, Vt., on Monday, June 13th, at ten o'clock, A. M., in accordance with a notice published in three successive issues of the VERMONT CHRONICLE next preceding the time of meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Franklin Fairbanks, the President.

After the singing of a hymn, and a prayer by Rev. J. E. Roy, D. D., of Atlanta, Georgia, a committee of three were appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Rev. A. W. Wild, Mr. E. G. McClary and Rev. George E. Martin.

The Treasurer, Mr. J. C. Emery, then read his Report, which was accepted, adopted and ordered to be printed. [This Report will be found near the close of this pamphlet, immediately following the Directors' Report.]

The Directors' Report was then read by the Secretary. On motion of Rev. Henry Fairbanks, it was voted that the Report be accepted and adopted and printed with the Minutes.

While the above motion was pending addresses were made by Rev. Henry Fairbanks, Ph. D., Rev. S. L. B. Speare, Rev. J. H. Harwood, D. D., and Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D.

The Nominating Committee reported the following list of Officers to serve for the ensuing year, which report was accepted and adopted, and the persons named declared elected, viz.:

For President—HON. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS.

" *Vice President*—REV. C. B. HULBERT, D. D.

" *Secretary*—REV. C. S. SMITH.

" *Treasurer*—MR. J. C. EMERY.

" *Auditor*—HON. JOHN A. PAGE.

" *Directors*—Rev. WM. S. HAZEN, Rev. A. W. WILD, Rev. J. G. JOHNSON, D.D., Rev. ISAAC JENNINGS, Rev. S. W. DIKE, Rev. L. TENNEY, Dea. C. F. THOMPSON, Rev. HENRY FAIRBANKS, Ph. D., Hon. J. POLAND, Rev. A. A. SMITH, Hon. J. B. MEAD, and D. M. CAMP.

Directors Ex-officiis—Hon. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, President, and Rev. C. S. SMITH, Secretary.

After the singing of a hymn the Society adjourned.

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

It is with no little pleasure that we celebrate our Sixty-fifth Anniversary with a church which, for twenty-five years, was under our fostering care and, after receiving $2,000 of home missionary aid, gained self-support, so that now she is strong enough to extend her hospitalities to the messengers of the churches from all parts of the State. We congratulate her on the enlargement and prosperity God has given her. As she has freely received, from God and her sister churches, may she freely give.

Since our last Anniversary one of the Directors of this Society—Dea. Joseph Atkinson of Newbury, has gone to his reward. One missionary—Rev. Julius C. McCollom of East Arlington—has also finished his course. Another—Rev. Alanson S. Barton of Colchester—in the middle of the year resigned his work, and died on his way to California where he was going in pursuit of health. Two other missionaries,—Rev. F. W. Olmstead of Williston and Rev. J. C. Richardson of Wolcott, have been compelled to suspend labor by reason of illness.

TREASURY.

There was in the Treasury at the beginning of the year $2,015.95. The Directors, at their annual meeting, voted to send $1,000 of this to the Treasury of the American Home Missionary Society, which was done immediately.

There have been received since—

For the Ordinary Department	$5899 82
For the Itinerant "	600 00
From Itinerant Fields	229 25
From legacies	423 00
From notes, and interest	1227 41
Making the total receipts	$8379 48

To which if we add the balance in the Treasury, at the beginning of the year, of $2015.95, it gives as the total resources of the year $10395.43.

As compared with the year previous our receipts this year were from contributions $42.53 greater; but from legacies $1277.00 less.

The disbursements have been in the

Ordinary Department	$6780	17
In the Itinerant Department	472	00
Sent to the American Home Missionary Society	1062	00
Making the total disbursements	$8314	17
Leaving a balance in the Treasury	$2081	26
There have been sent from the States directly to the American Home Missionary Society, without passing through our Treasury, in contributions and donations	$2022	03
In legacies	2370	00
In all	$4392	03

Adding to this the $1,062.00 sent from our State Society, and it makes the total receipts of the A. H. M. S. from the State, $5456.03.

The whole amount given in the State for both State and National work within the year has been $12,771.57. This is $1,995.26 less than was reported a year ago. The lack, however, is entirely due to the small amount received in legacies,—the contributions being in excess of the previous year.

An examination of the contributions shows that one hundred and twenty-nine churches sent something to our Treasury. Thirty-six have contributed to the Treasury of the National Society. Twenty-seven have contributed to both and fifty-eight to neither. Among the non-contributing churches are several that are quite feeble.

The missionary churches have contributed $1,514.79 to the different objects of Christian benevolence, about one-fourth of which was for home missions.

The whole amount, for both State and National work, contributed by churches and individuals during the year, leaving out legacies and the income of permanent funds, amounts to an average of fifty-seven and one-half cents a member for all the members of our churches.

This is three and a half cents a member more than was given the year before, and six and one half cents more than was given two years ago.

We should bear in mind that in order to do our full proportion our gifts should average not less than $1.00 a member.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

The following table will be found to contain the principal statistics relating to the several aided churches and fields occupied during the year, with brief notices of each:

TABULAR VIEW OF AIDED CHURCHES.

No.	CHURCHES.	MISSIONARIES.	DATE OF COMMISSION.	Length of Commission.	Aid pledged.	Months of Labor.	Hopeful Conversions.	Added		Rem'od			Resident Members.	Male Members.	Non-Residents.	Average Congregation.	No. in Sabbath School.	Contributions	
								By Confesion.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excluded.						Home Missions.	Other Objects.
1	Albany	Francis Parker	Mar. 1, 1883	12	$100	12	6	3	0	2	0	0	45	16	8	90	50	$4 50	$9 00
2	Alburgh	Richard Hicks	June 1, 1882	12	175	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	55	12	31	94	133	20 85	97 78
3	Arlington East	Julius C. McColburn	June 1, 1882	12	150	7							37	6	9	50	30	.....	.....
4	Berlin West	Alden Ladd	Sept. 1, 1882	12	100	12	3	0	1	0	0	0	19	5	0	30	30	.....	3 00
5	Braintree Hill	Lorenzo D. Place	Sept. 1, 1881	12	200	3					1		25			40	40	5 25	
6	Braintree and Braintree Hill	Samuel L. Vincent	Nov. 1, 1882	12	250	7	8	0	2	0	1	0	38	14	15	61	75	12 50	8 00
7	Bridgewater	Rolla G. Bugbee	Jan. 1. 1882	12	275	2												.....	.....
8	Brighton	Chas. S. Murkland	July 1, 1882	12	200	4												.....	.....
9	Burke East	Calvin B. Hulbert	May 1, 1883	12	200	12	0	1	1	0	3	0	30	10	3	50	25	11 00	52 00
		Alanson S. Barton	July 1, 1882	12	150	9	10											.....	.....
10	Colchester	Samuel H. Amsden	Mar. 1, 1883	12	150	10	0	10	0	0	1	0	63	15	10	100	65	15 00	97 00
11	Danby	Lucian D. Mears	April 1. 1883	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	4	9	45	53	10 00	10 00
12	Dorset East	James L. Harrington	July 1, 1881	12	175	1							23	8	2	60	70	.....	.. ..
13	Granby and Victory	Charles Duren	May 1, 1883	12	200	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	25	10	4	40	57	15 89	39 51
14	Guildhall	Frederick L. Small	May 1, 1883	12	125	12	0	1	2	0	1	0	39	14	19	79	94	24 75	21 15
15	Hartland	Charles Scott	Nov. 1, 1882	12	200	7	3	3	1	1	1	0	40	3	10	60	56	18 00	8 00
16	Holland	John Fraser	Sept. 1, 1882	12	150	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	41	15	6	70	65	21 50	31 35
17	Hubbardton	Robert C. Allison	April 1, 1883	12	125	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	28	10	15	65	72	12 00	5 00
18	Jamaica	Orrin G. Baker	Jan. 1, 1883	12	200	12	0	5	2	0	1	0	57	18	9	87	100	12 96	17 91
19	Kirby	Reuben D. Osgood	June 1, 1882	12	125	12							18	10	11	29	32	.....	.....
20	Londonderry	Royal D. Metcalf	April 1, 1882	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	1	1	16	4	12	60	50	5 00	27 00

21	Ludlow and Plymouth	Richard B. Grover	Sept.	1,	1882	12	200	12	3	6	5	0	1	0	75	21	40		112	32	50	220	19
22	Marlboro	Nathaniel Richardson	Nov.	1,	1881	12	200	5												.....		.....	
23	Middletown	Osborn Myrick	Nov.	1,	1881	12	100	5												.....		.....	
24	Montgomery Center	Elias W. Hatch	June	1,	1882	12	100	12	4	1	0	0	1	0	24	9	8	45	45	6	20	12	50
25	Newbury West	Amzi B. Lyon	July	1,	1882	12	175	12	12	0	0	0	1	0	41	14	5	70	70	.....		14	39
26	Pittsfield and Sherburne	Clifford H. Smith	May	1,	1883	4	50	12	0	0	2	2	1	0	38	16	14	100	50	8	50	20	00
27	Plainfield	Wm. T. Swinnerton	Nov.	1,	1882	12	200	12	0	2	5	0	1	0	50	16	7	75		14	00	5	75
28	Pomfret North	Henry A. Van Dalsem	Aug.	1,	1882	12	150	10	2	2	6	1	1	0	35	11		100	40	18	00	.....	
29	Ripton	Moses Patten	April	1,	1883	12	200	2	0	3	1	3	1	0	34	18	9	40	42	.....		209	00
30	* Roxbury	Henry C. Howard	April	1,	1883	12	200	12	0	3	0	0	0	0	30	10	14	41	61	15	00	10	00
31	Royalton South	Wm. D. Smith	Sept.	1,	1882	12	50	9	3	3	5	1	1	0	62	19	5	110	60	15	00	70	00
32	St. Johnsbury Center	Joseph Hammond	July	1,	1881	12	200	1							59	21	20	90	60	30	00	.	....
33	Stockbridge	James Hay	May	1,	1882	12	150	11	0	0	0	2	1	0	41	10	7	70	60	8	00	.....	
34	Troy	Joseph N. Walker	Jan.	1,	1882	12	125	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	9	1	0	45	35	10	00	.....	
35	Tunbridge	S. K. B. Perkins	Jan.	1,	1881	12	100	3							33	7	6	50	60	.....		.....	
36	Vershire	Evan Thomas	July	1,	1882	12	100	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	45	18	1	50		.....		.....	
37	Wardsboro South	Harrison Prescott	Oct.	1,	1882	12	200	3												.....		.....	
		Nathaniel Richardson	Jan.	1,	1883	9	150	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	51	18	5	40	60	5	06	1	57
38	West Fairlee	Chalmers H. Cooledge	Aug.	1,	1882	12	200	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	45	18	7	55	70	10	00	10	00
39	Williston	Franklin W. Olmstead	July	1,	1881	12	150	1												.....		.....	
		James A. Bates	Jan.	1,	1883	12	150	5	10	8	3	0	3	0	43	15	22	60	60	13	00	20	00
40	Waterville	A. A. Smith	May	1,	1883	12	75	1												....	.	.....	
41	Wilmington	Herbert R. Titus	Jan.	1,	1883	12	200	5	2	7	8	0	0	0	64	18	16	90	71	4	35	38	00
42	Wolcott	Chauncey J. Richardson	Mar.	1,	1882	12	175	9							35	12	28	50	8	2	55	.....	
43	Woodbury	James Ramage	Sept.	1,	1882	12	200	9	3	3	0	2	0	0	31	40	14	50	57	3	25	4	40
44	Worcester	Philo H. Carpenter	June	1,	1882	12	200	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	34	10	8	54	50	13	85	10	93

* The money to aid this church is offered by a liberal donor expressly for this purpose. The Directors did not feel justified in appropriating the regular contributions from the churches in this case, as the acting pastor belongs to another denomination.

THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ALBANY. This church unites with the church in Craftsbury in employing Rev. Francis Parker, who preaches every Sabbath in each place. The people are encouraged and the congregation is increasing.

2. ALBURGH. The congregation and Sabbath-school have been uniformly good. A new library has been procured, and some repairs made on the church building. In the absence of any school of a high grade, the missionary has given instruction to some of the young people. The spiritual results of the year have not been such as were desired. The harvest time is anticipated.

3. ARLINGTON EAST. The acting pastor, Rev. J. G. McCollom, died near the middle of the year. Since then the church has had no regular preaching.

4. BERLIN WEST. Rev. A. Ladd has continued to supply this church, through the year, in connection with the one on Berlin Hill. If all in the community would cordially unite in supporting one church, either Congregational or Methodist, it would be far better than as at present to barely keep alive two feeble and rival organizations.

5. BRAINTREE HILL. Mr. Place left at the close of his year in September. In November an arrangement was made whereby Rev. S. L. Vincent preaches to this church and to the East Braintree and West Brookfield church once every Sabbath. This is an excellent arrangement, uniting the two churches in the town under one minister and giving them a resident minister in the town.

6. BRAINTREE EAST AND WEST BROOKFIELD. For a few years past this church has sat under the ministry of ministers belonging to another denomination. As a general rule, it is a mistake for our feeble churches to do this. However good the men they employ may be, there is likely to be some loss in denominational *esprit de corps*, of which we have too little, and not infrequently division and serious difficulties ensue. This church is well united under its missionary and has received some increase.

7. BRIDGEWATER. Rev. R. G. Bugbee, after the end of the first quarter, accepted a call to Bethel. With the exception of about three months preaching in the winter, by Rev. T. S. Hubbard, the church has been mostly without meetings.

8. BRIGHTON. This church, in its weakness, experiences the difficulty that many other feeble churches do, viz.: to secure, for any salary it can pay, a suitable pastor. In the lack of ministers our smaller churches are the first to feel the want. It has had no regular preaching since last November.

9. BURKE EAST. Dr. C. B. Hulbert has supplied this church, through the year, in connection with that at Lyndonville. An interest has been manifest in public worship and the good seed of the kingdom has been sowed.

10. COLCHESTER. In the early part of the year considerable religious interest was manifested and several expressed a purpose to serve God who afterwards came into the church. After the leaving of Mr. and Mrs. Barton the church were, for a few months, without a minister, but in March secured the services of Rev. S. H. Amsden, who is now their acting pastor.

11. DANBY. The discouragements in this field are many. By patient continuance in well-doing on the part of the missionary, both in teaching and living out the gospel, an improvement is seen in certain directions. If this labor of love and work of faith can be continued, it will not be in vain in the Lord. In due time a ripened harvest will be gathered.

12. DORSET EAST. The missionary left early in the year. The church is feeble, and is lacking in courage and efficiency. It is still without a spiritual guide.

13. GRANBY AND VICTORY. This little church furnishes the only constant religious privileges enjoyed by the residents of these towns, though at intervals there is preaching by another denomination. The average amount paid by this church in benevolent contributions is $2.22 a member. The church has suffered seriously from emigration. The missionary writes, "Eight years ago we had eight young unmarried members, now there are none. Then there were forty-two resident members, now there are twenty-five. Then the usual attendance on public worship was sixty, now it is forty. Three of the young members transferred their membership to Oberlin, Ohio. One of them is a member of the Theological Seminary there, another of college and the third is in the preparatory school."

14. GUILDHALL. The church building has been repaired and beautified at an expense of $250. A rich black walnut pulpit, communion table and chairs have been presented to the church by a lady.

The church has extended a call to the missionary to become their pastor, which he has accepted and expects to be ordained at an early day. The present prospects of the church are very encouraging.

15. HARTLAND. This church has within the year secured a minister and are much encouraged. They have opened a mission Sabbath-school at the center of the town with the promise of good.

16. HOLLAND. The missionary writes: "The present year has been one of steady growth and progress. The church is in a more united and encouraging state than for a number of years. Funds have been raised this year, without outside help, to thoroughly renovate the place of worship. The work is nearly completed in a way that is very creditable to the people. The prospects are decidedly more encouraging in regard to the stability of the church and the permanent disposition to sustain public worship than when I came here."

17. HUBBARDTON. The missionary has labored faithfully. He reports a large number of non-church going people in town, who, if they could be brought to the house of God, would fill it. This is doubtless true in many towns. What is a church for if not to extend its influence and "leaven the whole lump?" All our churches need distinctly to set before themselves their true mission and labor unceasingly to fulfil it, viz.: to bring every family and individual within their bounds under gospel influences and into God's house.

18. JAMAICA. The missionary writes, "Good work has been done the past year and a half in repairing the meeting-house. It has been painted inside and out. Ash pews, and black walnut pulpit have been put in. Also a chandelier and carpets, at a cost of $650. Some repairs have been made on the parsonage, and the pastor's salary has been raised $100."

19. KIRBY. This feeble church has been made more feeble by the removal of some of its best supporters. Its minister, who supplied this church in connection with the one at Lyndon, left near the close of the year. They are now without preaching.

20. LONDONDERRY. Some repairs have been made on the church building and parsonage. There has been no change during the year.

21. LUDLOW AND PLYMOUTH. The pastor writes of Ludlow: "A deep and earnest religious spirit has prevailed throughout the year. A quiet work of grace during the winter following the week of prayer resulted in several conversions and a deeper spirit of religious in-

quiry. There has also been a very marked increase in the benevolent contributions of the church over last year. The pastor's temperance society (organized last year among the boys) has increased in size and interest. A new organ for use in the Sabbath-school and social worship was purchased in the fall. This church, in common with others in the State, has suffered peculiarly the past year from removals, which accounts for the large increase of non-resident members."

Concerning Plymouth he writes, "The church was reorganized in December, 1882, and a new Confession of Faith adopted. The prospects for this field, which is as much missionary ground as any in the State, are at present promising. The chief interest just now centers in the project for the erection of a chapel, so that the church may really have a home. A site has been secured, plans accepted, and about $400 in pledges secured, so we hope to see a chapel erected before winter. The obstacles in this field have been—and still are—great, yet the leaven of the gospel is doing its work, and is noticeable in a better observance of the Sabbath, increased attendance on public worship and an improved moral tone."

22. MARLBORO. This church failed of raising funds to keep the missionary a second year. It is not only weak in numbers and pecuniary ability, but has no man of courage and hope to take the lead in securing a better state of things.

23. MIDDLETOWN. After twenty-six years of dependence this church has assumed self-support. We bid it God speed in its efforts to sustain public worship without help from others, and hope that it will persistently maintain its independence.

24. MONTGOMERY CENTRE. The missionary who ministers to this church and at Berkshire East thinks that there is some gain here, and that progress is being made toward self-support.

25. NEWBURY, WEST. The missionary writes: "The year has been one of quiet work with somewhat more than ordinary success. Early in the fall interest commenced and continued in a quiet way all winter. It has not been a great work, but we think a good one. A few will eventually come to our church, though we have received none as yet. Something has been done towards furnishing our vestry, and some money has been raised not yet expended."

26. PITTSFIELD AND SHERBURNE. In August the missionary was ordained to the work of the ministry. In regard to Pittsfield he writes: "The meeting-house was repaired last summer, shingled and

papered at an expense of about $100. There has been good attendance on the Sabbath services during the year. The weekly prayer meetings have been sustained by a faithful few. There are an unusual number of young people in the town, and they generally attend service Sunday, both preaching and in the evening, but there is not a professed Christian among them. In this church there are six members over eighty years old. We have tried to strengthen the things that remain."

In Sherburne there is no church organization, but attendance on public worship is good and respectful attention is given to the truth.

27. PLAINFIELD. During the year the missionary has been installed pastor, which is an indication of harmony and hopefulness, and a promise of permanency. Among the causes of hopefulness may be mentioned "a spirit of inquiry and seriousness," and "a gratifying tenacity on the part of many in sustaining the prayer meetings of the church."

28. POMFRET. Early in the year a minister was secured and regular services have been maintained. The senior deacon has died, a serious loss to the church. An unhappy division has existed here for two or three years which has been a great hindrance to the progress of religion, and interfered with the peace and fellowship of families. A larger measure of charity and of the spirit of Christ is much needed. The missionary reports a gain in attendance upon public worship and in attention to the preaching of the Word. They hope to sustain worship next year without aid.

29. RIPTON. After some two years with no resident minister, this church has secured the services of Rev. Moses Patten, who is now with them. The church has experienced a heavy loss in the removal from town of its senior deacon, who was superintendent of the Sabbath-school, leader of the choir and a liberal payer for the support of public worship.

30. ROXBURY. The missionary writes: "As to the year's events, I shall have to say it has not been an eventful year. We have a larger attendance at our prayer meetings than a year ago. There is also a slight increase in congregations at our day services. We are far from satisfied with our labor and its results, but, having sown, we hope to reap in the future."

31. ROYALTON SOUTH. This church has experienced a change of ministers within the year, and is now coupled with Royalton church,

instead of with Tunbridge. The present arrangement is an excellent one, and we hope it will continue. These two churches should support a minister without any missionary aid.

32. St. Johnsbury Centre. Early in the year the missionary left and no one has as yet been secured to take his place. This church should and doubtless soon will have another minister.

33. Stockbridge. Three separate churches in one small village are too many, and necessarily make the congregations small and the work of sustaining public worship a burden. The people do not seem ready for the only Christian solution of the difficulty.

34. Troy. A vestry has been finished and furnished, and some substantial gain seems to have been made.

35. Tunbridge. The house of worship which was so seriously injured by a tornado one year ago has been thoroughly repaired. Steps have been taken to employ the pastor of the church in Chelsea to minister to this church also.

36. Vershire. The missionary writes: "The year which this report covers has been quite prosperous. The interest has been good. The attendance upon public worship on the Sabbath has ranged from forty to seventy or eighty. The large number of Sabbaths during the past winter when the roads were impassable would, of course, reduce considerably the average attendance for the year. The prayer meetings during the winter seasons have been of unusual power and interest. The attendance has been good, and a large number who have never taken active part in religious meetings have done so. In the course of the summer we expect several additions to the church on profession, and perhaps one or two by letter. The prospects for the coming year are favorable."

37. Wardsboro, South. This church asked aid in the fall to help support Mr. Harrison Prescott for the year, but he remained only three months. Rev. Nathaniel Richardson took his place and has continued as their minister to the present time. An unhappy cause of difference has been allowed to paralyze the proclamation of the truth.

38. West Fairlee. The missionary was ordained on the 24th of May, though not as pastor of the church.

39. Williston. The health of Mr. Olmstead was such that he left at the close of his year. In January the church procured the ser-

vices of Rev. J. A. Bates, in whom they are happily united. Some religious interest through the winter resulted in the hopeful conversion of several persons.

40. WATERVILLE. This church has not for several years, had any meetings of its own, but has attended services conducted by the Methodists in the Union house of worship. They have now secured the services of Rev. A. A. Smith of Johnson for every other Sabbath.

41. WILMINGTON. As the result of the loss of their house of worship by fire this church applied for aid. It is hoped that assistance will only be needed to help them over the present emergency. They are putting up a new house, and have received substantial help in doing so from friends in the county.

42. WOLCOTT. A severe illness made it necessary for the missionary to resign, for the present, ministerial work. The church has gained some strength under his ministry and is earnestly looking for another man.

43. WOODBURY. This church has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. James Ramage. Harmony prevails, and they are devising means to secure to themselves a house of worship, in which it is hoped they will succeed.

44. WORCESTER. The pastor writes: "The year has passed without any special revival interest, and although the average attendance has been less than usual, yet we have a few faithful workers, and a favorable degree of interest is kept up in our social meetings, a feeling of union and Christian fellowship prevails among the brethren, and the prospect is not altogether discouraging."

ITINERANT FIELDS.

In the following fields itinerant laborers have been during the year or are now, employed.

ORANGE. As this church was without a minister, a student from Oberlin Theological Seminary was employed last summer to preach for them.

PLYMOUTH. This church has been supplied through the year by being coupled with Ludlow, which see above.

SHELBURNE. No church organization exists here, but there is a community clearly needing public worship. They have been sup-

plied through the entire year by Rev. C. H. Smith, who resides here but also preaches at Pittsfield.

WARDSBORO SOUTH. Last summer this church was supplied by Elisha S. Fisk, a student from Yale Theological Seminary. A quickened state of religious interest resulted and some expressed a hope in Christ.

WESTON. During last summer Elias H. Sneath, a student from Yale Theological Seminary, preached here and he is doing the same this summer, to the great acceptance of the people.

WOODBURY. When without a permanent minister, Charles H. Morse, a student from Hartford Theological Institute, labored with this church through last summer.

SUMMARY.

SPIRITUAL RESULTS.

The number of missionary fields, under the care of this Society the past year, has been forty-seven.

Forty-nine laborers have been employed, performing thirty-two years of service. No general religious interest has been manifest. A few churches have rejoiced in the reviving and renewing presence of the Holy Spirit, especially Colchester, West Newbury, East Braintree and Williston.

Ten churches, that have been supplied the entire year, make no mention of conversions nor additions by profession. The remainder report eighty-three as having entered upon a new life. Sixty-one have been added to the churches on confession of faith and forty-seven by letter; making the total additions one hundred and seven. Nineteen have been dismissed; twenty-nine have died and one has been excluded by discipline, leaving a net gain of fifty-eight members.

MISSIONARIES AND SALARIES.

A large number of changes has taken place in the ministry of our missionary churches. Three pastors have been settled and none have been dismissed. Thirteen missionaries have left the fields they were laboring in a year ago. Two of these have taken other churches; the other eleven have removed from the State. Eight new men have come to take their places. There are several churches now without regular preaching, and it becomes increasingly difficult to secure for our smaller churches such ministers as they need, for any salary they can offer. We have exercised such a rigid economy in the appropriations made to our State churches, in order to save funds for the national work, that the salaries of our missionaries are probably less than in any other State. The average salary paid the past year in our missionary churches has been $498.50, with use of a parsonage in addition in about one half of the cases. The average amount appropriated to each church, where a missionary occupies a single field, was $177.48. In a large majority of cases, where two churches unite in employing the same minister, no aid is granted or asked for. This practice is increasing and we give it our hearty approval. There are fifty congregations supplied by twenty-five ministers. There are thus saved, for use elsewhere, twenty-five ministers and several hundred dollars of missionary funds. In a few cases aid is granted to coupled churches, but it is a much smaller sum per church.

It is a serious question whether we should not pursue a more generous policy toward the men who labor in our missionary churches, whereby they may have a larger income so that they may be more free from anxiety as to a living for themselves and their families. By so doing we shall be able to secure better men than we are likely to at the present small salaries. As it now is, ministers with families of four or five children are virtually excluded from labor in our missionary churches; in several cases they have summarily decided not to try to secure a well recommended minister on learning that he had a family of several young children. Is it wise for us to seem to favor a policy which puts a premium on ministers having no families, while it results in punishing with loss of employment those that have received children as a heritage from the Lord?

SELF SUPPORT.

We are glad to chronicle any cases in which churches that have been aided become self-sustaining. The church in Middletown, after

receiving aid for twenty-six years, to the amount of $2973, has taken upon herself the entire support of her pastor. The church in West Charleston, after continuous help from the time of her organization, thirty-nine years ago, having received in the aggregate $4520 of missionary aid, has, by uniting with Derby in sustaining the same minister, ceased to apply for help. On the other hand Bethel, which has for several years met all her expenses, finds that by deaths and removals her burdens have become too heavy, and again petitions for help. The church in Wilmington having lost her house of worship by fire, also asks assistance for the present year.

ITINERANT WORK.

Seven men have been employed in itinerant work, for a part of the year, who reported ten cases of hopeful conversions. They labored in Weston, Wardsboro, Sherburne, Plymouth, Orange and Woodbury. A minister residing in Springfield has done considerable missionary work in a destitute locality lying in the south western part of that town and in Rockingham. There is in that region a large section not supplied with any evangelical preaching, and too far distant from the churches in Springfield and Rockingham to render it convenient for them to take it up as out-district work. The man who has labored there the past year has done so mostly at his own charges. Finding that the work has been growing upon his hands, he has applied for some aid. Though there are several missionary churches now unsupplied with the ministry of the Word, they have showed less readiness than in some past years to accept of the labors of students for a short term. Their desire for permanent laborers has been so strong that they have preferred to wait in the hope of securing ordained ministers.

WANT OF WORKMEN.

We greatly need more ministers, of genuine piety and earnestness of spirit, who have sufficient ability and good judgment to command the respect of the people, and who are willing to enter our smaller parishes and patiently labor on from year to year, under many discouragements for the dwellers in these communities. And verily such men shall have their reward. Though such a position may seem, at first sight, one of little influence yet it is the best possible one for impressing the truths of God's word, and all that is best in one's own character, upon the young and thus of being instrumental in training up some of those who are to be leaders in society and the world's great

men. These country parishes are the fields where the most precious diamonds may be found and polished to adorn the diadem of our King. And blessed is the humble home missionary to whom it is given to comprehend the dignity and importance of his calling and, with a heart aglow with love to Christ, to rejoice in his work and patiently "serve his generation according to the will of God."

STATE WORK.

The necessary home missionary work in our state does not diminish as the years pass away. We continue to have feeble churches depending upon us for help to keep them alive. Some of them are more feeble than they were a quarter of a century ago. And there is little probability that many of the now feeble churches will become self-sustaining for many years to come; not till the best land at the West is taken up and the tide of emigration there receives a check. This is likely to take place during the next twenty-five years. But the drift is still away from our beautiful hills and valleys. Whole families leave from all our towns. Young men just equipped by the best education our schools give them for some calling, trade or profession, bid adieu to their old homes, to the district school-house and village church, where they have been fed and folded, and to the familiar voice of the Shepherd, to enter upon their life work elsewhere, perhaps in some city, perhaps in the wilderness beyond the sound of Him that publisheth salvation. The census of 1880 shows that a larger number of Vermonters live outside our state lines than there were in 1870. More than every third child born in the State—every two in five—leaves us. This being the case, it is no wonder that our churches are many of them feeble and that our state home missionary work does not diminish. And it reveals to us the fact that the home missionary parishes of Vermont cover the whole country.

HELP OF WOMEN.

We have long felt that, by some means, the contributions for home missions from Vermont should be largely increased; that our standard of giving should be raised so that by our contributions we may do more for the evangelization of our land. We believe it can be done, and that it will be done in part through the earnest co-operation of the Christian women. By their industry and liberal devisings, comfort has been carried into many a home missionary family in the form of well-filled boxes or barrels of clothing. Desirable as this practice may be, of thus lightening the burdens of the more destitute of the

home missionary families, it should be borne in mind that it pays no salaries and furnishes no help to the missionary societies in meeting their pledges. It is only by an increase of contributions *in money* that the work can be increased. It is to accomplish this end that the attention of all should be directed.

During the past year nine societies within the state, organized by women to aid in home missionary work, have sent contributions to our treasury amounting to $186.36,—an average of over $20 to each society. These societies have all of them existed for some years, and, with one exception, are not in our largest but in the moderate-sized churches. Now, if there was some such organization in every church, there seems to be no reason why, with only the same degree of liberality as shown by those already formed, they should not raise from two to three thousand dollars annually. Where these organizations exist they do not seem to result in any decrease in the general contributions of the churches for the same object, but rather by awakening an increased interest in the subject tend to increase the regular contributions of the churches. The amount given in any church depends more on the *interest felt in the object* than on the real ability of the people to give. Probably no church, and comparatively few individuals, begin to give according to the measure of their ability.

In New Hampshire the Christian women, through their cent societies, have for three quarters of a century given to sustain home missions, and in this way have contributed in the aggregate more than $90,000. The women in Maine two years ago commenced forming auxiliaries to their state society, and the first year raised over $1,800. Is it not time for the women in Vermont to take up this work in some more general and systematic form than they have yet done? The women of Middlebury have, during the entire existence of this society, had a Domestic Missionary Society of their own, which, though simple in its organization, making little draft upon their time, has not failed for a single year of making its offering to aid in our missionary work. Their contribution this year was a little over $80. We commend this matter to the Christian women of this state who are interested in the evangelization of our country. What the women in Middlebury, Cornwall, Chester, Swanton, Barton, Stowe, Woodstock, and a few other churches, have for years done, by some simple organization, cannot the women in every church do equally well? We repeat the question asked at our anniversary two

years ago, "Whether the women in our churches are doing what they can and should for the evangelization of our country? whether some organization by themselves is not, at the present time, a *necessity* in order to awaken a lively interest in this work and secure from themselves liberal and regular contributions?" We renew the suggestion made two years ago, that they, through some organization such as they may prefer, become auxiliary to our state society with the understanding that our Treasurer keep a separate account of all moneys paid in by them, and that these shall be expended in all cases according to their wishes, either for work in the state or on the frontier.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Last winter seventeen missionary meetings, in eight different counties and ten different towns, were held in the State, which were made very interesting and instructive by the presence of Secretary J. B. Clark, of the American Home Missionary Society, accompanied by Missionary Puddefoot, of Michigan, and Superintendent Blanchard, of Colorado. The season of the year was unfavorable, the weather being cold and the snow deep. The attendance, though mostly limited to the towns where the meetings were held, was, under the circumstances, as good as could have been expected. The expressions of interest from those who were present were warm and hearty. The meetings were too few. If two months of such work could be done in the State, at some more favorable season of the year, thus reaching every church, it is believed that the interest in and contributions to our home missionary work would be greatly increased. We shall hope again to welcome among us at some future time the secretaries, and other representatives of the National Society, to stir us up to more generous co-operation in this great work.

RELATION OF THE VERMONT DOMESTIC TO THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The American Home Missionary Society was organized in 1826. In September of the next year, 1827, The Vermont Domestic Missionary Society voted, at its annual meeting, to become auxillary to it, and adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the cause of domestic missions demands vigorous efforts on the part of the Christian communities in this State and the United States."

It also voted to secure what funds it could from the churches in the State and send, all that was not needed for the life of our State

churches, to the new National Society to help in the evangelization of our whole land. We sustain the same relation to the National Society to-day as a helper in its great work, which is enlarging from year to year. The vows that our fathers took upon them, to aid in forwarding the National work, are upon us. An important end of our existence is that we may raise money not only to care for our own feeble churches, but that we may also secure liberal offerings, a large surplus wherewith to promote the kingdom of Christ at the West and South. We therefore earnestly call upon our churches, upon individuals to whom God has given means, upon every patriot who loves his country, to make their offerings to our treasury more abundant, that the overflow from it into the treasury of the National Society may be more copious and be a stream which shall make glad the city of our God.

FRONTIER WORK.

The rapid settlement of the new territories and the great emigration from other lands has within a few years given a new importance to the home missionary work at the West. No Christian nation has ever had such a task laid upon it in home missionary work as God has in these late years laid upon us. Taking into account the wideness of our domain that is now thrown open to the world, the flocking into it of so many thousands from the older parts of our own land and from all the nations of Europe; taking the difference of races, of intelligence of education, of social life, of political and religious opinions, and the work of assimilating these diverse elements, of leading them to accept the gospel and become protestant and lovers of God, is truly an herculean task. But it is one that is given to us and we must meet it. And it is a glorious and sublime thing that the churches in this land are trying to meet the demand made upon them with prayer and faith in God, and are determined to provide a preached gospel and religious instruction for all in the land.

There is a great moral sublimity in a meeting, like that held at Saratoga last week, composed of hundreds of earnest Christian men, gathered from all parts of our country, to offer their prayers to God and devise ways and means to make this land Immanuel's land, by providing religious instruction and training for all the inhabitants. It is a privilege to live among a people who try to comprehend the greatness and importance of such a work and resolve to do it. It is a blessed thing to have one's heart beat in unison with the call of God to a great enterprise, to have one's soul stirred and one's pulse quick-

ened by a purpose to enthrone the Redeemer of men in the hearts of all who dwell in this broad land, and so to lay deep and well the foundations of Christ's kingdom in all the states and territories that go to make up our great country. In connection with such a work we get some adequate view of the value of a consecrated life, of Christian influence, and of property as a means of making Christ the desire and the accepted Saviour of all.

Let us seek to comprehend the work to which we are called of God. Let us adopt it as a part of our life work, that we may be ennobled by it, and bear some humble part in the salvation of our country and through it of the world.

In behalf of the Directors,

C. S. SMITH, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. C. EMERY, *Treasurer*,

In account with the VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY:

1882.	DEBIT.		
June 12.	To balance cash on hand	$2015 95	
	" cash contributions	6729 07	
	" legacies	423 00	
	" notes, interest and dividends	1227 41	
			$10,395 43

	CREDIT.		
By paid Aided Churches and Missionaries		$5666 45	
"	American Home Missionary Society	1062 00	
"	Printing and distributing Minutes	128 93	
"	Secretary's salary	1200 00	
"	" expenses	200 00	
"	" postage and stationery	42 79	
"	Treasurer's " " "	14 00	
	Balance in Treasury	2081 26	
			$10,395 43

MONTPELIER, June 11, 1883.

I certify that I have this day examined the accounts of J. C. Emery, Treasurer of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society for the last year, and find that he has received during the year the sum of $10,395.43, including the balance of $2015.95 on hand June 12, 1882, and that he has during the year disbursed on proper vouchers the sum of $8313.97, leaving a balance of $2081.26 in the Treasury, to be hereafter accounted for.

J. A. PAGE, *Auditor*.

INVESTED FUNDS.

Notes, and mortgages	$2100 00
Decree on Alvord Farm	4245 51
State of Maine bonds	3000 00
" " New Hampshire bonds	500 00
United States four per cent. bonds	700 00
Connecticut & Passumpsic R. R. Stock	2200 00
	$12,745 51

RECEIPTS

OF THE

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 9, 1883.

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
ADDISON COUNTY.			
CORNWALL—Collection, $82 88; Ladies' Cent Society, $19 00	$101 88	$	$
MIDDLEBURY—Collection, $149 85; Sabbath School, $19 50; Ladies Domestic Missionary Society, $80 27	249 62		
ORWELL	33 00		
SALISBURY	17 00		
SHOREHAM	14 25		
VERGENNES	20 00		
BENNINGTON COUNTY.			
BENNINGTON CENTER	38 50		
BENNINGTON SECOND—to constitute Mrs. G. M. Harmon, Mrs. J. H. Loring, Mrs. Samuel Jewett, Mrs. G. A. Wattles, Mrs. E. D. Bennett, Mrs. H. L. Hover, Miss F. S. Tuttle, Miss Grace Eddie, Miss E. M. Hubbard and Miss M. S. Valentine Life Members of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society	128 65		
DORSET—	30 00		
MANCHESTER—L. H. H	1 15		
CALEDONIA COUNTY.			
BARNET—Collection, $32 50; Mrs. Alexander Holmes, $30 00; to constitute Mrs Caroline G. Holmes a Life Member of the A. H. M. S	62 50		
BARNET, (McINDOES FALLS)	18 00		
BURKE EAST	11 00		
DANVILLE	27 00		
LYNDONVILLE—Collection, $21 00; Mr. J. W. Colby, $25 00	46 00		
PEACHAM	24 14		
ST. JOHNSBURY FIRST—to constitute Dea. George Ranney a Life Member of the A. H. M. S	30 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY NORTH	25 00		
" " H. F	500 00		
" " Hon. F. Fairbanks	400 00		
ST. JOHNSBURY SOUTH	405 11		
" " Rev. Henry Fairbanks	220 00	100 00	
" " Mr. Thaddeus Fairbanks		500 00	
LOWER WATEBFORD	8 00		
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.			
BURLINGTON THIRD	158 61		
CHARLOTTE	28 42		
COLCHESTER	15 00		
ESSEX CENTER—$13 09; Mission Circle, $5 00	18 09		
" " "In memory of.'	10 00		
ESSEX JUNCTION	12 47		
JERICHO CENTER—$24 00; Friends, $25 00	49 00		
HINESBURGH	8 00		
MILTON	20 50		
RICHMOND	31 20		
UNDERHILL	6 25		
WILLISTON	13 65		
ESSEX COUNTY.			
GRANBY—$11 81; Mrs. N. M. Richardson, $1 00	12 81		
GUILDHALL—$32 50; Sabbath School, $2 25	36 75		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.			
BAKERSFIELD	$6 00	$	$
BERKSHIRE East	10 27		
ENOSBURGH	16 54		
GEORGIA	17 85		
MONTGOMERY CENTER	6 20		
ST ALBANS	28 21		
SWANTON, Ladies' Cent Society	13 00		
" Collection	7 00		
FRANKLIN AND GRAND ISLE CONFERENCE	8 00		
GRAND ISLE COUNTY.			
ALBURGH	20 85		
LAMOILLE COUNTY.			
JOHNSON, $20 00; T. Morse, $1 00; D. Whiting, $5 00	26 00		
MORRISVILLE	24 00		
STOWE, $37 50; Ladies Cent Society, $5 30	42 80		
WOLCOTT	2 55		
ORANGE COUNTY.			
BRADFORD, Ladies Cent Society	18 60		
BRAINTREE HILL	5 25		
BRAINTREE EAST AND BROOKFIELD WEST	12 50		
CHELSEA	37 90		
CORINTH	16 00		
FAIRLEE, to constitute Dea. W. H. Kilby and Dea. M. W. Smith, Life Members of V. D. M. S	45 00		
NEWBURY, (of which $10 00 for the A. H. M. S.) to constitute E. H. Farnham, Jr., and Mrs. E. B. Chamberlain, L. M. of A. H. M. S	93 60		
NEWBURY, Sabbath-school	12 75		
" Wells River	30 75		
ORANGE	4 00		36 00
RANDOLPH WEST	20 00		
STRAFFORD, to constitute Mrs. Mary A. Hatch a Life Member of the A. H. M. S	42 25		
THETFORD	27 25		
THETFORD NORTH	8 59		
WEST FAIRLEE	10 00		
WILLIAMSTOWN	7 00		
ORLEANS COUNTY.			
ALBANY	4 50		
BARTON, $11.50; Ladies' Cent Society, $8.50	20 00		
CHARLESTON WEST, $22 72; Ladies' Cent Society, $7 28	30 00		
COVENTRY	13 32		
CRAFTSBURY	5 00		
DERBY	20 00		
GLOVER	14 00		
GREENSBORO	17 60		
HOLLAND, $11 50; Rev. J. Fraser, $10 00	21 50		
NEWPORT	19 36		
TROY	10 00		
WESTFIELD	7 55		
RUTLAND COUNTY.			
BENSON, Mrs. J. Kent, $2 00; Ezra Strong, $5 00	7 00		
CLARENDON	16 00		
DANBY	10 00		
FAIR HAVEN, Welsh Church	12 00		
HUBBARDTON	12 00		
MIDDLETOWN	17 50		
PITTSFIELD	8 50		
PITTSFORD, $57 90; Mrs. Mary A. Walker, $10 00	67 90		
RUTLAND, $262 72; Sabbath-school, $32 21	294 63		
SHERBURNE, Rev. C. H. Smith and wife	5 00		
WALLINGFORD	16 68		

	For Ordinary Department.	For Itinerant Department.	From Itinerant Fields.
WASHINGTON COUNTY.			
BARRE	16 50	$	$
BERLIN	12 00		
CABOT	27 31		
MARSHFIELD, Mr. M. Roberts	5 00		
MIDDLESEX, Mrs. Mary P. Hubbard	5 00		
MONTPELIER, $84 40 ; Miss J. Stimson, $1 00 ; Mrs. A. Vail, $5 00; Rev. A. D. Barber, $4 60	95 00		
NORTHFIELD	37 92		
PLAINFIELD	14 00		
ROXBURY	15 00		
WATERBURY, to constitute Lucius P. Wells a Life Member of A. H. M. S.	33 25		
WOODBURY	3 25		51 00
WORCESTER	14 35		
WINDHAM COMNTY.			
BELLOWS FALLS	28 43		
BRATTLEBORO, to constitute Rev. George E. Morton, W. P. Cune, B. D. Harris, F. Goodhue, George H. Clapp, O. D. Putnam and H. H. Thompson Life Members of A. H. M. S.	213 00		
BRATTLEBORO WEST	14 60		
DOVER WEST	3 40		
DUMMERSTON	13 73		
LONDONDERRY	5 00		
PUTNEY	10 00		
SAXTONS RIVER	19 19		
TOWNSHEND	13 50		
TOWNSHEND WEST	20 62		
WARDSBORO SOUTH	5 60		56 00
WESTMINSTER, for A. H. M. S.	20 00		
WESTMINSTER WEST, Mrs. C. Powers	1 00		
WILMINGTON	4 35		
WINDHAM, Bank's fund	2 00		
WINDSOR COUNTY.			
ASCUTNEYVILLE, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fitch, $1 00; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Gage $5 00	6 00		
CHESTER	29 16		
HARTFORD, to constitute Dea. C. B. Storrs, a Life Member of A. H. M. S.	30 72		
" Quechee	30 67		
HARTLAND	18 00		
LUDLOW, of which $5 00 for work in New Mexico, $27 00; Sabbath-school $3 00	30 00		
NORWICH, to constitute T. A. Hazen and R. T. Lewis Life Members of A. H. M. S.	50 00		
PLYMOUTH	2 50		
POMFRET, $6 00; J. C. Sherburne $4 00, of which $2 00 for A. H. M. S.	10 00		
ROCHESTER	22 80		
ROYALTON	12 75		
ROYALTON SOUTH	6 00		
SPRINGFIELD, $34 50; Dea. A. Woolson $100 00	134 50		
STOCKBRIDGE	8 15		
WESTON			36 25
WINDSOR, to constitute Rev. Wm. Greenwood and Dea. H. B. Thompson Life Members of A. H. M. S.	53 25		
WINDSOR, Mrs. J. F. Freeman	7 00		
WOODSTOCK, $34 75. ; Ladies Cent Society, $20 00	54 75		
WINDSOR COUNTY CONFERENCE	1 40		
OTHER RECEIPTS.			
Annual meeting at Manchester	39 94		
Keeseville, N. Y., Rev. L. H. Elliott	5 00		
Chelmsford, Mass., A Friend	5 00		
Napa, California, Dr. A. J. Hyde	10 00		
Dividends on Connecticut & Passumpsic River R. R. Stock	132 00		
Income on Alvord Farm	200 00		
Notes, and interest	657 41		
State of Maine bonds, coupons	180 00		
State of New Hampshire bonds, coupons	30 00		
United States bonds, coupons	28 00		
Chelsea, Estate of Dea. Carlos Moore	423 00		
St. Johnsbury, Estate of Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, by Hons. Horace and Franklin Fairbanks, Executors	500 00		

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1882.		
June.	Chester	$21 00
	Rutland, Legacy of Mrs. M. A. Foot	500 00
	St. Johnsbury, Legacy of Hon. E. Paddock	1000 00
July.	Bennington Centre, Ladies, Freight	2 00
	St. Albans, First church	100 00
August.	Bellows Falls	33 45
	Brattleboro, Dea. J. Wilder	30 00
	Jeffersonville, A Friend	10 00
	Manchester	101 34
	Strafford, Sunday-school	3 50
Sept.	Berlin, A Friend	5 20
	Lunenburg, Mrs. J. Glines	2 00
	Rupert, legacy of Rev. T. A. Merrill, D. D	500 00
	Rutland, Mrs. Sarah L. Fisher	4 40
	St. Johnsbury, North church	189 00
	Springfield, A. Woolson, $200; Mrs. F. Parks, $100	300 00
Oct.	Bellows Falls	15 43
	Benson, Anna M. Howard	10 00
	Burlington, Winooski Avenue Sabbath-school	36 00
	Manchester, Legacy by Rev. J. Anderson	100 00
	Morrisville	13 00
	Swanton, Sunday-school	3 00
Nov.	Bennington North	8 96
	Springfield	33 81
	Brattleboro West	60 00
	Westford, Legacy of Chloe Osgood	50 00
Dec.	Hardwick East	20 00
1883.		
Jan'y	Benson, Mrs. L. N. Burton	2 40
	Brattleboro, B. D. Harris	5 00
	Chelsea, Legacy of Dea. Samuel Douglass	220 00
	Ferrisburgh, Individuals	6 50
Feb.	Berlin, Rev. A. Ladd	5 00
	Brookfield, First church, $6.50; Sunday-school, $12.00	18 50
	Brookfield, Second	7 00

Feb.	Burlington, First	231 20
	" C. A. Hibbard	10 00
	Ferrisburgh, by Mrs. L. A. Carpenter	6 40
	Manchester, Rev. A. Hemenway	20 00
	Middlebury, Mary A. Mead	5 00
	Putney, Mrs. A. S. Taft	20 00
	Springfield, Sunday-school	20 00
	Wallingford, by Mrs. L. A. Kelley	32 75
March.	Castleton	24 60
	Chester, A Friend	40
	Jeffersonville, A Friend	50 00
	Lunenburgh, Mrs. D. W. Chandler	5 00
	Newbury, A Friend, $2.00; P. W. Ladd, $5.00	7 00
	New Haven, by J. C. Wilder	44 55
	Peacham, A Friend	36 00
	Pittsford, M. P. and M. Humphrey	12 00
	St. Johnsbury, North church	211 62
	Vergennes, by A. Ross	20 00
April.	Bennington, Second church	59 97
	Essex, C. Farrand	15 00
May.	Addison County, "Haggai 2: 8"	100 00
	Bradford	31 95
	Lunenburgh, W. W. Glines	2 00
	Pittsford, D	1 00
	Rupert	10 00
	Total	$4,392.03

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Alphabetical List of Churches with Supplies

JUNE 1ST, 1883.

The numerals affixed to the names of the Churches denote the Conference to which each belongs.

	Churches.	*Organized.*	*Supplies.*
9	Albany	1818	Francis Parker.
6	Alburgh	1824	Richard Hicks.
2	Arlington East	1843	Vacant.
6	Bakersfield	1811	J. K. Fuller.
3	Barnet	1858	Wilbur Rand.
3	Barnet, McIndoes Falls	1829	C. F. Morse.
11	Barre	1799	P. McMillan.
9	Barton	1817	Vacant.
2	Bennington 1st.	1762	Isaac Jennings.
2	" 2d	1836	Vacant.
2	" North	1868	Lewis C. Partridge.
10	Benson	1790	George G. Lyon.
6	Berkshire East	1820	Elias W. Hatch.
11	Berlin	1798	Alden Ladd.
11	" West	1865	Alden Ladd.
13	Bethel	1817	Rolla C. Bugbee.
8	Bradford	1810	Allen Clark.
8	Braintree	1794	S. L. Vincent.
8	" East	1871	S. L. Vincent.
10	Brandon	1785	Walter Rice.
12	Brattleboro	1816	Geo. E. Martin.
12	" West	1770	Charles H. Merrill.
13	Bridgewater	1793	Vacant.
1	Bridport	1790	Frank H. Foster.
9	Brighton	1841	Vacant.
1	Bristol	1805	Vacant.
8	Brookfield 1st	1787	Wm. M. Gay.
8	" 2d	1848	Wm. M. Gay.
8	" East	1883	Vacant.
9	Browning'n & Barton Land'g	1809	Vacant.
3	Burke East	1807	C. B. Hulbert, D. D.
4	Burlington 1st	1805	L. O. Brastow, D.D.
4	" 3d	1860	Hiram B. Putnam.
3	Cabot	1801	H. A. Russell.
7	Cambridge	1792	Edwin Wheelock.
10	Castleton	1784	Geo. P. Byington.
9	Charleston West	1844	J. W. Kingsbury.
4	Charlotte	1792	Azel W. Wild.
8	Chelsea	1789	Edward E. Herrick.
13	Chester	1773	Vacant.
10	Clarendon	1822	Geo. H. Morss.
4	Colchester	1804	S. H. Amsden.
4	Colchester, Winooski	1836	Vacant.
8	Corinth	1820	Horace P. James.

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1	Cornwall	1785	Vacant.
9	Coventry	1810	William N. Bacon.
9	Craftsbury	1797	Francis Parker.
10	Danby	1869	Lucian D. Mears.
3	Danville	1792	Thos. W. Darling.
9	Derby	1807	J. W. Kingsbury.
2	Dorset	1784	Parsons S. Pratt.
2	" East	1867	Supplied by Meth.
12	Dover	1802	Vacant.
12	" West	1868	H. R. Titus.
12	Dummerston	1779	Josiah Merrill.
11	Duxbury	1836	S. B. Currier, (M.)
6	Enosburgh	1811	Alfred B. Swift.
4	Essex	1797	John Cowan.
4	Essex Junction	1869	John Cowan.
9	Fairfield	1800	C. H. Cooledge.
10	Fairhaven	1803	Rufus C. Flagg.
10	" Welsh	1857	Vacant.
8	Fairlee	1833	Allen Clark.
1	Ferrisburgh	1824	Vacant.
6	Franklin	1817	Vacant.
6	Georgia	1793	Charles W. Clark.
9	Glover	1817	Benjamin S. Adams.
12	Grafton	1785	Earl J. Ward.
5	Granby and Victory	1825	Charles Duren.
9	Greensboro	1804	Stephen Knowlton.
5	Guildhall	1799	Frederic L. Small.
12	Guilford East	1768	Vacant.
3	Hardwick East	1803	Fred. D. Chandler.
13	Hartford	1786	S ngersoll Briant.
13	" West	1830	Robert D. Miller.
13	" Quechee	1831	Nathan F. Carter.
13	Hartland	1779	Charles Scott.
6	Highgate	1811	James H. Babbitt.
4	Hinesburgh	1789	Artemas C. Field.
9	Holland	1842	John Frazer.
10	Hubbardton	1782	Robert C. Allison.
7	Hydepark	1863	Vacant.
7	" North	1858	Azro A. Smith.
9	Irasburgh	1818	Lorenzo D. Place.
12	Jamaica	1791	Orrin G. Baker.
4	Jericho 1st	1791	Austin Hazen.
4	" 2d	1826	Dana D. Bradford.
7	Johnson	1817	Azro A. Smith.
3	Kirby	1877	Vacant.
12	Londonderry	1868	Royal D. Metcalf.
9	Lowell	1816	Rufus King.
13	Ludlow	1806	Richard B. Grover.
5	Lunenburgh	1802	Leonard W. Harris.
3	Lyndon	1817	Vacant.
3	" Lyndonville	1870	C. B. Hulbert, D. D.
2	Manchester	1784	Albert C. Reed.
12	Marlboro	1776	Vacant.
11	Marshfield	1826	Vacant.

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1	Middlebury	1790	S. Lewis B. Speare.
10	Middletown	1780	Osborne Myrick.
4	Milton	1804	John H. Woodward.
4	Milton West	1853	John H. Woodward.
6	Montgomery	1817	Elias W. Hatch.
11	Montpelier	1808	John H. Hincks.
9	Morgan	1823	Vacant.
7	Morrisville	1807	Wm. A. Bushee.
8	Newbury	1764	S. Lysander Bates.
8	" Wells River	1842	Eugene J. Ranslow.
8	" West	1867	Amzi B. Lyon.
12	Newfane, Fayetteville	1774	Vacant.
1	New Haven	1797	Clarence S. Sargent.
9	Newport	1831	Edward P. Wild.
11	Northfield	1822	William S. Hazen.
13	Norwich	1819	Nathan R. Nichols.
8	Orange	1876	J. West.
1	Orwell	1789	Soltau F. Calhoun.
10	Pawlet	1781	Isaac W. Peach.
10	" Welsh	1881	Vacant.
3	Peacham	1794	Sanford S. Martyn.
2	Peru	1807	T. J. Clark.
13	Pittsfield	1803	Clifford H. Smith.
10	Pittsford	1784	Charles C. McIntire.
11	Plainfield	1799	Wm. T. Swinnerton.
13	Plymouth	1804	R. B. Grover.
13	Pomfret	1783	H. A. Van Dalsem.
10	Poultney	1780	Calvin Granger.
2	Pownal North	1851	W. W. Winchester.
12	Putney	1776	Lincoln Harlow.
18	Randolph	1786	Wm. S. Blaisdell.
8	" West	1831	Vitellus M. Hardy.
4	Richmond	1801	Austin Hazen.
1	Ripton	1828	Moses Patten.
13	Rochester	1801	Vacant.
12	Rockingham: Saxton's River	1825	Vacant.
12	" Bellows Falls	1850	Alfred B. Dascomb.
12	" Cambridgeport	1868	Supplied by Meth.
11	Roxbury	1864	H. C. Howard (C.)
13	Royalton	1777	Wm. D. Smith.
13	" South	1868	Wm. D. Smith.
2	Rupert	1786	Vacant.
10	Rutland	1788	J. G. Johnson, D. D.
10	" West	1773	John K. Williams.
1	Salisbury	1804	Vacant.
2	Sandgate	1782	Vacant.
13	Sharon	1782	E. B. Chamberlain.
6	Sheldon	1816	William Carr.
1	Shoreham	1784	Homer T. Beach.
4	South Hero	1795	Orville G. Wheeler.
13	Springfield	1781	Thomas M. Boss.
6	St. Albans	1803	Vacant.
3	St. Johnsbury 1st	1809	Josiah T. Closson.
3	" North	1825	Henry W. Jones.

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3	St. Johnsbury East	1840	Vacant.
3	" South	1851	E. T. Fairbanks.
13	Stockbridge	1827	Vacant.
7	Stowe	1818	W. L. Anderson.
8	Strafford	1820	Henry Cummings.
12	Stratton	1801	Vacant.
10	Sudbury	1791	Vacant.
6	Swanton	1801	James H. Babbitt.
8	Thetford	1773	Harry Brickett.
9	" Post Mills	1839	Vacant.
8	" North	1878	Vacant.
12	Townshend	1777	Vacant.
12	" West	1850	Vacant.
8	Troy	1845	Joseph N. Walker.
9	" North	1818	Joseph N. Walker.
8	Tunbridge	1792	E. E. Herrick.
4	Underhill	1801	Vacant.
1	Vergennes	1793	George E. Hall.
8	Vershire	1787	Evan Thomas.
11	Waitsfield	1796	S. H. Robinson.
10	Wallingford	1792	Vacant.
12	Wardsboro South	1793	N. Richardson.
11	Warren	1816	Vacant.
11	Waterbury	1801	S. H. Wheeler.
3	Waterford	1798	Caleb M. Winch.
7	Waterville	1823	A. A. Smith.
13	Weathersfield, Center	1775	Vacant.
13	" East	1838	Vacant.
13	" Ascutneyville	1869	Moses H. Wells.
8	West Fairlee	1809	Vacant.
9	Westfield	1818	Rufus King.
4	Westford	1801	Vacant.
10	West Haven	1817	Geo. G. Lyon.
12	Westminster	1767	John L. Sewall.
12	" West	1799	Alfred Stevens, D.D.
13	Weston	1799	Elias H. Sneath.
1	Weybridge	1794	Lewis A. Austin.
1	Whiting	1799	Vacant.
8	Williamstown	1795	William Scofield.
4	Williston	1800	J. A. Bates.
12	Wilmington	1855	H. R. Titus.
12	Windham	1805	Amos Holbrook.
12	Windsor	1768	Wm. Greenwood.
7	Wolcott	1818	Vacant.
11	Woodbury	1875	James Ramage.
13	Woodstock	1781	James F. Brodie.
11	Worcester	1824	Philo H. Carpenter.

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9	Bacon, Wm. N	I.	Coventry	P.
12	Baker, Orrin G	XII.	Jamaica	P.
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12	Harlow, Lincoln	XII.	Putney	P.
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3	Jones, Henry W	III.	St. Johnsbury	P.
1	Kent, Cephas H	I.	New Haven	W. C.
9	King, Rufus		Lowell	A. P.
9	Kingsbury, Josiah W		Derby	A. P.
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11	Ladd, Alden	V.	Berlin	A. P.
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8	Marsh, Joseph		Thetford	W. C.
	Marsh, Spencer	XIII.	Burlington	W. C.
12	Martin, George E	XII.	Brattleboro	P.
3	Martyn, Sanford S		Peacham	A. P.
10	Maynard, Ulric	X.	Castleton	W. C.
10	McIntire, Charles C	X	Pittsford	P.
11	McMillan, P	V.	Barre	P.
10	Mears, Lucian D	X.	Danby	A. P.
12	Merrill, Charles H	XII.	West Brattleboro.	P.
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12	Metcalf, Royal D	XII.	Londonderry	A. P.
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13	Nichols, Nathan R	XI.	Norwich	A. P.
12	Ober, Benjamin	XII.	Brattleboro	W. C.
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